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SU to host NCUR 2008

Kathy Pusey photo

Salisbury University student presenters welcome NCUR 22 in front of Holloway Hall. There are 101 SU students and a total of 2,800 students presenting at the conference.

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

Salisbury University has been granted the honor of hosting this year's National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The conference, which was first held in 1987, will be at SU for the second time in 10 years.

Almost 2,800 students from around the country will be presenting their research in all fields of study with posters or oral presentations in SU classrooms in all academic buildings.

More than 300 colleges will also be participating, including Ivy League schools like Harvard and students as far away as UCLA.

Having hosted the event for the first time in 1998, SU has since been ranked as one of the top 100 colleges in America, according to the Princeton Review.

Although NCUR is not a competition, it is a place where gifted and talented students get the opportunity to share their research.

"I think hosting the conference is quite an honor for SU, especially considering that it was also here 10 years ago," said Creston Long, one of the program coordinators of the conference. "It gives us a great chance to showcase our university. It certainly shows that SU is committed to undergraduate research; this is already evident with the annual spring SU Research Conference."

Dr. Long also stated that in the long run "NCUR has the potential to elevate undergrad research further and make it an even stronger part of the academic culture on campus."

Dr. Ronald Dotterer of the English department, and another of the program coordinators, said that the turn out was impressive; of the 3,400 abstracts that were sent to be selected for the conference, "about 82 percent were chosen; that's about 2,296."

Dotterer went on to say that over 60 classrooms will be used for the oral presentations that run Thursday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. In order to accommodate the necessity for classrooms, a vote was made by the "faculty senate to cancel classes." It was then approved by the board of directors.

Additionally, there will be over 110 posters on display in the Maggs gymnasium and four planned speakers.

One of the keynote speakers who will be attending is ABC Director and Executive Producer Rudy

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Potential students explore campus

By Amanda Hailey
Life and Style Editor

SU hosted its first ever Admitted Students Day on Saturday, April 6, to a number of potential new students and their families. The event was initiated by the Admissions House and Elizabeth Coccia, Admissions Counselor.

"Elizabeth Coccia, Admissions Counselor, headed up the project, but it was an idea by the Admissions House to bring our admitted students here and get them settled early on in their process," said Ellen Neufeldt, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The day started off in Maggs Gym, where students were given the chance to be introduced to many SU clubs and student organizations set up throughout the gym. Clubs such as S.O.A.P., Catholic Campus Ministries, The Wesley Foundation, Greek Life, Geographic Society, Best Buddies, Leash on Life, Student Nurses Association, Sophanes and the Muslim Student Association were just half of the organizations represented. Students also had the opportunity to sign up for and participate in mock classes given by SU professors.

Leslie Pusey photo

Potential students and their families gather in Maggs Gym on Saturday, April 5.

"We have 300 students and their family members," said Jane Dane, Dean of Enrollment Management, when asked how many people were in attendance on Saturday.

Ellen Neufeldt, VP of Student Affairs, and Tom Jones, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs addressed the crowd of students and families after they had the chance to roam the gym and check out clubs.

Afterwards, a performance by the SU Step Squad was held to entertain the masses. After the performance, the crowd was led out of Maggs to their "class." Students had a variety of subjects to choose from which included: "Police are Withholding the Suspect's Name," by communication arts professor Haven Simmons, "But Mommy I want it!" by marketing professor Paula Morris, "CSI: Salisbury" by clinical laboratory science professor Diane Davis and "I Just Wanna Bang on My Drums All Day" by meslieusic professor Jackie Chooi-Theng Lew. Following the mock classes, students and their families were welcome to explore the campus and check out professors, the bookstore and anything else they wished.

Neufeldt said the purpose of the event was to give potential new students the opportunity for free exploration of the campus and to learn more about campus life. Neufeldt said tour guides were stationed around the campus in front of buildings and residence halls for any who had questions.

"You've made the best choice to attend the best university in the galaxy," Neufeldt said when addressing the large audience comprised of possible new students and their families.

Green Earth Book Awards recognizes authors

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

SU and the Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) has recognized three children's book authors for their work inspiring young readers to appreciate and care for the environment with the Green Earth Book Awards.

The awards are part of SU's children's literature festival and are meant to nurture environmental stewardship within children through honoring earth-concious books.

"Our awards are given to encourage authors to write with an environmental message and to build awareness," said Laura Marasco, as education professor and board member of the NMF. "These books show young people what they can do for the environment. They want a better world and help these kids leave less of a footprint on the world."

The awards also give authors a chance to share projects and inspire each other to write environmentally encouraging books, Marasco said. The awards have seen a dramatic increase in submissions from last year.

They began with an author's breakfast last Thursday at the Poplar Hill Mansion and lectures by the authors throughout the day in Caruthers Hall. The three winners, Jean Davis Okimoto, O. R. Melling, and Laurie David and Cambria Gordon, each received $2,500 as well as $500 to be donated to an organization of their choice.

"One of the more important aspects of this is the monetary award," Marasco said. "We're not just honoring the ideas the books are concerned with; we're working towards a better future."

Okimoto, author of *Winston of Churchill: One's Bear's Battle Against Global Warming*, will contribute her winnings to the conservation group Polar Bears International. Melling, author of *The Light-Bearer's Daughter*, will give to The Golden Eagle Reintroduction Project in Ireland, which is actually the setting of the book and where the golden eagle became extinct almost a century ago. David and Gordon, who together wrote *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming*, have chosen stopglobalwarming.org, an internet based organization founded by David, for their donation.

Peter Trick, executive vice-president of the NMF, Lisa Bryant, education reporter for WBOC-TV, Sue Corbett, a children's book reviewer and reporter for the Miami Herald, and John Wolinski of SU's Teacher Education Department presented the awards last Wednesday at the children's literature ceremony in the Guerrieri University Center with keynote speaker Phillip Hoose, author of the critically acclaimed children's novel *Hey, Little Ant*.

"I've always wanted to combine my work as a conservationist and my work as an author," Hoose said during his speech.

Hoose has written a number of books, essays, stories, songs and articles that include the multi-award winning *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*, a children's novel concerning the endangered ivory billed woodpecker.

Sarah Wright photo

Adrian Fogelian, author of *The Sorta Sisters*, is presented with an honorary mention for her book.

The 2008 Green Book Awards were supported by Constellation Energy and Pepsi. The ceremony was preceded by an environmental community fair and book signing. For more information on the NMF and the award's authors go to www.newtownmarascofoundation.org.

Fire damages several OC businesses on boardwalk

Photo provided by Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum's Stephanie Fuchsluger

Smoke engulfs Ocean City's historic Dough Roller on March 30. The cause is still unknown.

By Megan McCarthy
Advertising Manager

A nine-alarm fire blazed through Ocean City's boardwalk Dough Roller on March 30, causing severe damage to the area, police officials said.

"There was one minor injury to a firefighter. He had something in his eye and was taken to a local hospital for safety precaution," said Ocean City Police Department spokesperson Jessica King.

There are six Dough Roller restaurants, including the one on South Division Street and Boardwalk, where the fire took place. Ocean City local Bill Gibbs and his family opened up the first establishment in 1980. They are famous for offering pizza, Dayton's Fried Chicken and family friendly service at the beach.

Ocean City Police officers called in the fire at 12:04 p.m. after responding to a reported assault in progress at 604 South Atlantic Avenue, according to a press release.

"There are 22 local fire departments from three counties here and they put it under control around 2:25 p.m. Now they are making sure they got all of the hot spots," said Ocean City Police Department's PFC Vance Row on Sunday. "They came from Wicomico County, MD, Worcester County, MD, and Sussex County, DE."

Sunshine Beachwear and Marty's Playland, located on each side of the Dough Roller, also suffered fire, smoke and water damage, according to officials. Both the Dough Roller and Sunshine Beachwear stores have been gutted.

"We saw the smoke blowing from the bay side of the bridge coming into downtown Ocean City but we thought it was pollution from the boats," said Siobhan Flynn, 22. A tourist from Frederick, MD, Flynn came to the Eastern Shore to visit her friend. When she saw countless fire trucks going towards the smoke and police directing traffic the other way, she went to go see what was going on.

"A year ago this month I had my anniversary dinner at this Dough Roller so it's kind of sad for me…a bit sentimental," Flynn said. She was excited to see some of the Dough Roller employees passing out food to firefighters with smiles on their faces during such a traumatic time.

Demolition crews started to tear down the structure on March 31, but the owner anticipates rebuilding sometime next year.

The Fire Marshal is still investigating possible causes, accidental or otherwise. In the meantime, the area surrounding the charred remains is still blocked off.

TUESDAY 4/8/08	WEDNESDAY 4/9/08	THURSDAY 4/10/08	FRIDAY 4/11/08	SATURDAY 4/12/08	SUNDAY 4/13/08	MONDAY 4/14/08
HIGH 57	HIGH 65	HIGH 70	HIGH 69	HIGH 67	HIGH 64	HIGH 61
AM CLOUDS PM SUN	PARTLY CLOUDY	MOSTLY CLOUDY	CLOUDY	SCATTERED T-STORMS	MOSTLY SUNNY	SHOWERS
LOW 44	LOW 53	LOW 56	LOW 58	LOW 49	LOW 47	LOW 45

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News briefs

NPR's Codrescu is the First Spring "Writer-on-the-Shore"

National Public Radio commentator Andrei Codrescu is one of four authors who will visit Salisbury University for this spring's Writers-on-the-Shore literary series. Codrescu's talk is 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Described by *The New York Times* as a "prodigiously talented and magical writer," Codrescu is the author of numerous books of poetry, including *It Was Today* and *Alien Candor*.

"Fugitive Slaves" is Washburn Lecture Series Topic April 15

The Wilcomb Washburn Distinguished Lecture series returns to Salisbury University 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, with Dr. Richard J.M. Blackett, abolitionist historian and Andrew Jackson Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. Blackett speaks on "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery: 1850-1860" in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

NPR's "StoryCorps" Comes to Delmarva April 17-May 10

StoryCorps is about listening as people share their lives, and the famed National Public Radio project, which has recorded some 30,000 stories of everyday Americans since 2003, is coming to the Delmarva Peninsula in April. Co-sponsored by Public Radio Delmarva, StoryCorps' shiny Airstream trailer containing a portable recording studio will be parked at the Delaware Technical and Community College campus in Georgetown April 17-May 10. Online signups begin Thursday, April 3.

National Conference on Undergraduate Research Returns to SU

The city of Salisbury becomes an academic mecca this April as more than 2,800 student scholars and faculty descend upon Salisbury University for the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). This is the second time in a decade that the conference has been in Maryland, both times at SU. Some 350 colleges and universities are represented and the diversity is remarkable. March Madness basketball fans take note: Scholars from UCLA, UNC, Texas and Wisconsin will attend.

MSA hosts 4th annual Building Bridges: Islam Awareness Week

MSA photo

Members of the Mulism Student Association hosted an Islamic literature table outside of the Commons during IAW.

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

SU hosted the 4th annual Building Bridges: Islam Awareness program last week from March 31 to April 4, an event which strived to educate students and the community on the realities of the Islamic faith.

Awareness week included a screening of the movie "Prince Among Slaves," speaker Dan Mekled, an educational class titled Islam 101 and speaker Nicole Correri.

Awareness Week ended in the Guerrieri University Center, Spirituality room, with a Congressional prayer lead by a young 16-year-old leader in the Islamic community. SU's Muslim Student Association (MSA) sponsored all of the week's events.

The movie, "Prince Among Slaves," was shown Monday and chronicled the life of Abdul-Rahman, a 17th century prince from west Africa who was enslaved in America for 40 years. Granted his freedom by President John Quincy Adams, Rahman raised enough money to free his wife and family.

Dan Mekled, co-founder and advisor of the Young Muslim Association at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, MI spoke on the contributions given to society by Muslim scholars. These Contributions range from astronomy, algebra and chemistry to the coffee that keeps most of us running throughout the day. He also talked about the Qur'an and proven scientific facts found in it using the example of embryo development inside the womb.

Thursday's guest speaker, Nicole Correri, who holds degrees in psychology and counseling along with doctoral studies in clinical psychology, held two speaking sessions focusing on Muslim family dynamics. Correri's discussions focused on the misconception of Islam as a religion that supports violence against women. According to Correri the Qur'an can be easily misinterpreted because the Qur'an is meant to be read as a whole and that people with an agenda can pick passages that seem to support abuse but, after further reading it is revealed not to be the case. She encouraged everyone in attendance to look at "the whole picture" when studying the Qur'an and Islam. When looking at the whole picture the Qur'an is a book that preaches, "Respect, reverence and love towards women."

She also wanted people to understand the differences between "culture" and "religion." Contrary to most people's beliefs about Islam, Muslim women are not forced into arranged marriages or beaten for speaking their minds by the Qur'an and that when these things do happen it often comes out of the culture. She stressed the point however, that violence against women in general can be found in all cultures but, that people who practice this violence and claim to be following the Qur'an are not truly following its teachings in practice.

The Quran specifically gives women many rights according to Correri, including the right to choose one's spouse, a right to divorce, a right to a marriage contract, a right to money after a divorce, a right to an inheritance and the right to tranquility inside their home.

"My goal when speaking about Muslim family values is to speak for myself as a Muslim woman to counter the vocal minority against Islam, especially the negative view of how Muslim women are treated. I want to talk about and make people aware of how Muslim women are working to improve the community and put an end to domestic violence everywhere," Correri said.

Both of Correri's speaking engagements ended in a Q & A with the audience where she encouraged an open, honest and frank discussion between herself and the audience. Questions ranged from whether Muslim women are forced to wear the head scarf known as a hijab, a covering, (which they're not) to how she manages her own busy life as a mother of three.

"I thought that Correri's lecture was excellent, she was assertive, professional, intelligent and very well prepared for all the questions, which she was more than willing to answer," said senior Maggie Donohue.

The Muslim Student Association, which sponsored Awareness Week, has its meetings every Wednesday, at 4:30 p.m. in the Guerrieri Center Spirituality Room, where they encourage people of every faith to attend.

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge. Keeping this in mind, I thank all those who made the effort to attend these events. It's a wonderful feeling when people come up to me and say that they've learned something about my faith. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our MSA meetings to ask about Islam," said May Dajani, senior and MSA secretary.

Adrienne Price photo

Nicole Correri focuses on Muslim family dynamics and the misconception of Islam as a religion that supports violence against women, at her presentation on Thursday night.

Crime beat

3/14/08
5:22 - 5:55 p.m.
Found CDS

A homemade bong and marijuana was recovered from a student's room in Choptank Hall. Criminal charges and administrative action are pending. District Court Commissioner issued a Criminal Summons for the involved student for Possession of CDS-Marijuana and three counts of Possession of Paraphernalia. Criminal Summons served on involved student by University Police, court case pending.

3/29/08
12:01 - 12:07 a.m.
Telephone Misuse

A resident of St. Martin Hall reported receiving two annoying and unwanted photo messages from an unknown subject. The case is being investigated by University Police. The subject was identified by University Police and advised to refrain from contacting the victim via text messages; any further contact would result in criminal charges being filed.

3/28/08-3/29/08
4:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Theft

A student reported that a bicycle was stolen from a bike rack on the west side of Caruthers Hall. The bicycle was secured to the bike rack with a chain type bike lock.

3/31/08
Noon
Assault

A student reported being assaulted by another student after class in Maggs Gym. The student was referred to the District Court for obtaining a Peace Order. Judicial charges pending.

4/01/08
10:01 p.m.
Hit and Run Accident

A student reported that a vehicle operating in the Caruthers Parking Lot hit her vehicle and fled the scene.

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Bednar, who is most famous for his work on *20/20* and *Primetime Live*. Anne Foerst, theological advisor to the A.I. Laboratory at MIT, will be giving a speech on new media, religion and the new place of theology.

Other featured talks will be conducted by Eastern Shore native Thomas Horton, "one of the nation's preeminent environmental writers," according to the SU newsletter.

Tyrone Hayes, a scientist noted for his work measuring water contamination by observing physical changes in the local amphibian populations, will also be speaking. All speakers will conduct their lectures in the Holloway Hall auditorium.

The conference will be held on Salisbury's main campus from April 10-April 12. All SU students are encouraged to come out and attend.

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All Work and No Pay

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The company is a subcontractor of Home Depot.

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

After working a part-time job for the month of Jan., three Salisbury students were not paid for the work and effort they put into the company. The students have been waiting more than two full months for their paychecks and have yet to see any money.

The company, Confluence Staffing, posted their job on the Career Services database Web site, E-Recruiting.

Rebecca Emery, director of Career Services, said, "This job came through an e-mail to us. It's a contracting company that finds people for short term jobs, which is perfect for students."

When one student e-mailed Emery complaining about the company and another came into her office to complain about the employers, she knew that something had to be done to help the students out.

"As soon as one student sent us an e-mail through the Web site saying to take the company off of the database and another student came in and told me they haven't been paid yet, I went and took the company off the database. Even when I took them off the Web site, you can still view them for up to two weeks, but we did take it off after talking with the students," Emery said.

Confluence Staffing is a regional company based out of Columbus, Ohio, that was doing work in the Salisbury/Ocean City area during the month of Jan. They are a subcontractor of Home Depot, and when reading the job description sent to Career Services, Emery said it looked like a normal advertisement.

"I've been advising the students to file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau. The company has already had two complaints in the state of Maryland alone with the Better Business Bureau. I do think that the students should take some action in this," Emery said.

The first step in this process would be to write a certified letter to the company stating the claim of lost wages, which each of the three students have for a month's worth of work.

"One of the things we've talked about doing is if we get new companies is to look at the Better Business Bureau and see if they have any complaints against them," Emery said.

Career Services has been trying to help the students with this problem and has been seeing what they can do in the future to help prevent a scenario like this from happening again.

"It doesn't matter what type of work the students did; what matters is that they haven't been paid," Emery said.

28,000 gallons of sewage overflows, second spill of the year

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

Due to a mechanical failure at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 28,000 gallons of sewage spilled out of a treatment tank into the Wicomico River on Sunday, March 23.

At 6 p.m., the dislodged piping was stopped up due to a break in the machinery of the tank. Sewage spilled for four minutes, said Jim Caldwell, public works director.

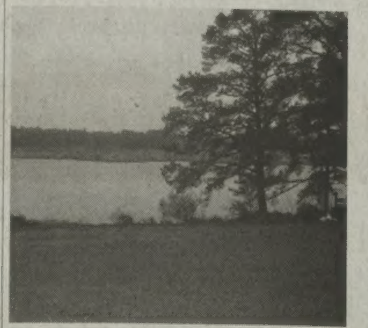
"Once the sewage reached the storm drain system on site, the spill went into the river," Caldwell said.

The river was closed to the public beginning Monday. A public announcement was given at the city council meeting that evening.

Questioned on the impact of the spill, Mayor Barrie Tilghman did not respond.

Sewage from the plant, although refined, is eventually drained into the river anyway, Caldwell said, and without microorganisms and bacteria.

This is already the second sewage spill into the river this year. The treatment plant is in the middle of an upgrade to a system that will hold over 8 million gallons of waste, an improvement from 6.8 million gallons, Caldwell said. The upgrade is to be completed by the fall.



Leslie Pusey photo

The Wicomico River is one of the most polluted rivers on the Eastern Shore.

Most sewage spills in the last four years have happened because of a mechanical malfunction or construction error.

Of the last four years, only two spills out of seven can be blamed on natural disasters, both caused by tropical storms.

"The increase in size will help in the prevention of spills," Caldwell said.

"When we are upgrading and expanding the plant there are a tremendous amount of construction activities… sometimes we are running things way differently than we normally do…it's a risky time," Caldwell said. "When we get done the risk, the liability will be significantly diminished."

"In the '90s we were not even required to notify the public of spills," Caldwell said. "There has been an increase in awareness of pollution to the river.

The last spill, which occurred on Feb. 7, was estimated to be a spill of 173,000 gallons, the sewage reaching the river was reassessed to be 5,000 gallons.

The Wicomico River, which is considered one of the most polluted rivers on the Eastern Shore, has always served the port city. The river has aided Salisbury in the many areas of industry since colonization.

Much of the river's pollution can be attributed to agriculture runoff and industrial efforts of businesses like the Purdue chicken plant.

It is assumed "that the river is capable of assimilating refined sewage," Caldwell said.

FBI's wiretap of MLK proves to be abusive

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

While reflecting on the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we must also reflect on the injustices he received against his civil liberties while fighting for our own.

Hoping to prove King was under the influence of Communists, the FBI began to keep the civil rights leader under constant surveillance in 1961. Two of King's advisors, Stanley Levinson and Pitts O'Dell, had former ties with the Communist party and gave FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, motive for his investigation.

According to an anonymous source affiliated with the FBI, King was the target of an intensive campaign to neutralize him as an effective civil rights leader.

Although the FBI's concealed recording devices exposed almost nothing about his involvement with communism, they did reveal unpleasant details about King's sex life. According to *The Washington Post*, Hoover received permission from then Attorney General Robert Kennedy to bug King's various motel rooms (March 7, 1993). The FBI gathered evidence that King was having extramarital affairs. It leaked those tapes to the news stations and his wife in an attempt to disgrace King. Hoover wanted to prove him to be a "hypocrite preacher."

According to FBI memos, King was the "most dangerous and effective Negro leader in the country."

During the March on Washington, King promoted his method of non-violent resistance. According to "The Social Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr." by Ira Zepp Jr., King believed non-violence relied on the power of moral conscience. People were more willing to stop their oppression if they had to question their own ethics. His strategy included civil disobedience.

This philosophy maintains that people have the natural born right to ignore laws that they believe are unjust in order to preserve an orderly society, however, they must accept the consequences of their disobedience.

According to Zepp, King distinguished himself from the violent methods used by many whites, such as releasing attack dogs and using powerful water hoses to control crowds, by organizing selective buying campaigns, marches and boycotts.

"Non-violent and passive insurrection often provokes violence," said Dr. Charles Cipolla, sociology professor.

According to FBI files contained in the Pickler Memorial Library of Truman State University, the Bureau organized a meeting of department heads to "explore how best to carry on our investigation [of King] to produce the desired results without embarrassment to the Bureau," which included "a complete analysis of the avenues of approach aimed at neutralizing King as an effective Negro leader."

J. Edgar Hoover's disapproval of King's personal life and success is obvious in the notes he kept in his personal files. When King heard that he would receive the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, Hoover sent him a menacing note. Years later, a copy was found in FBI files. It read, "You are a colossal fraud and an evil, vicious one at that." It went on to say, "The American public ... will know you for what you are — an evil, abnormal beast" and Satan could not do more."

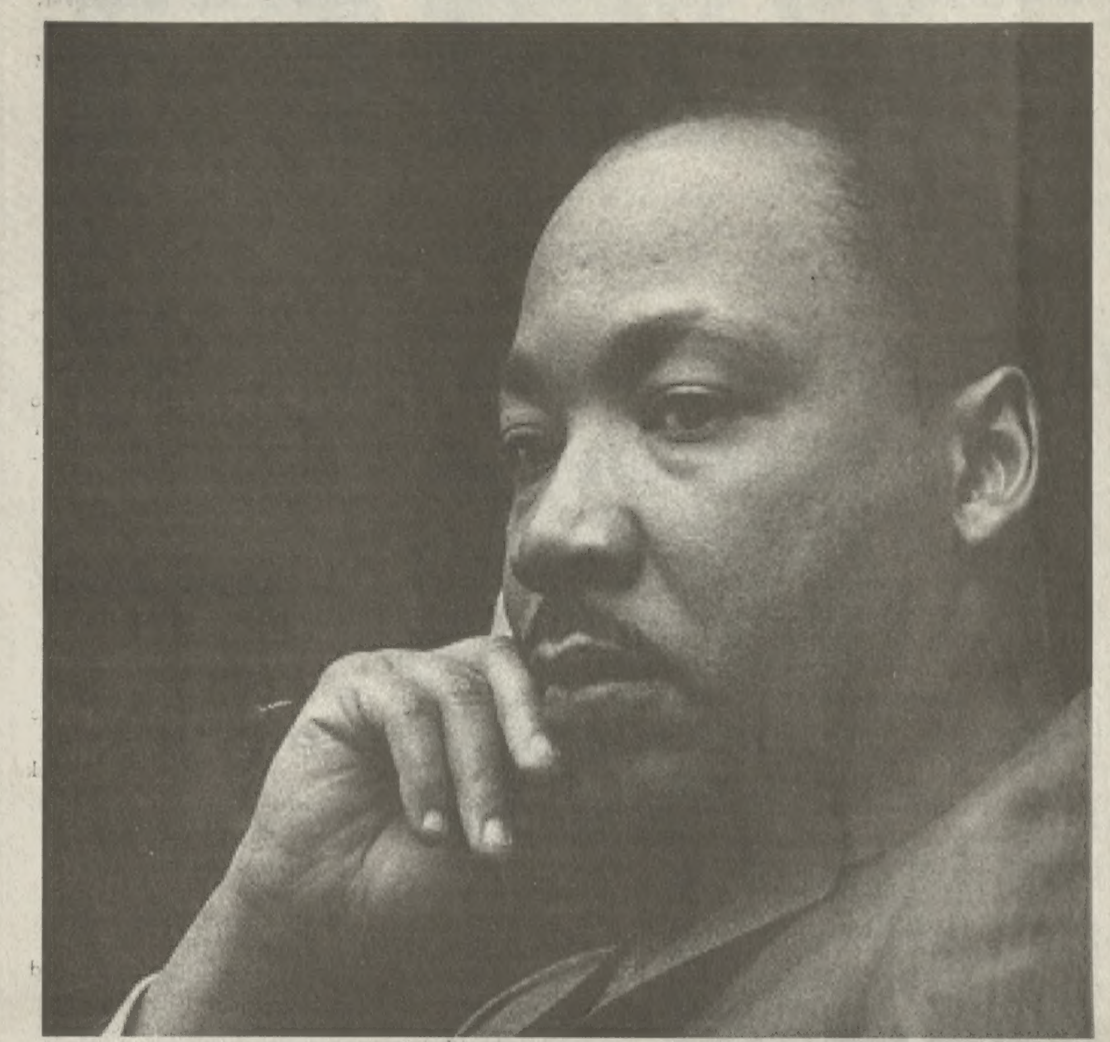
Hoover's threat continued: "King you are done." Historians have speculated that the letter was meant to urge King to commit suicide rather than suffer public embarrassment over his infidelities. "King, there is only one thing left for you to do," the letter concluded. "You know what it is ... You better take it before your filthy, abnormal fraudulent self is bared to the nation."

According to CNN, King's associates confirm there were at least two cases in which FBI surveillance caught King in "compromising circumstances." With the exception of the wiretap transcripts that remain sealed under the 1977 court orders of Lee vs. Kelley et al and Southern Christian Leadership Conference vs. Kelley et al, many of the other memos were made public as part of high-profile congressional investigations into the FBI's harassment of King.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, TN, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, King was assassinated. The distortions of his character continued after his death but his influential legacy overcame Hoover's rein of bigotry.

According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, The Center for National Security Studies released other King memos through the Freedom of Information Act in 1978. The most recent were released in 1979. The rest remain sealed until 2027.

The 40th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination must remind us that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



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The FBI kept Martin Luther King Jr. under constant surveillance to prove that he was under the influence of Communism.

History Corner

April 8
1893. The first recorded college basketball game occurs in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

April 9
1959. NASA announces the selection of the United States' first seven astronauts.

April 10
1925. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald is first published in New York, New York by Charles Scribner's Sons.

April 11
1865. Abraham Lincoln makes his last public speech.

April 12
1955. The polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, is declared safe and effective.

April 13
1943. The Jefferson Memorial is dedicated in Washington, DC, on the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth.

April 14
1935. Babe Ruth plays his first National League game in Fenway Park.

U.S. in economic trouble over mortgage crisis

THE HOUSING BUBBLE EXPLAINED

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

As of April 1, major banks and lending firms have reported a loss of nearly $200 billion as a result of the housing bubble collapse, after those who borrowed money for their homes could not pay back the lenders.

According to the Investor Dictionary, an economic bubble occurs when "speculation in a commodity causes the price to increase, thus producing more speculation. The price of the good then reaches absurd levels and the bubble is usually followed by a sudden drop in prices, known as a crash." The housing bubble first began to grow in 2001 following the collapse of the dot-com bubble.

Following the dot-com bubble burst many people turned to real estate for investments due to the all-time low interest rates. After this many people, including those who couldn't afford homes, became home owners. The problem was that many people being lent money did not receive proper credit and background checks and in turn could not afford their property.

The reason behind this was that lenders thought that housing investments could only increase and that the borrower would make the money through their property.

The housing costs actually decreased and in 2005 the housing bubble reached its climax and began rapidly deflating in 2006. In the summer of 2007 housing prices went down so low that the cost of the homes was less than the cost of the loan. By August of 2007 foreclosure rates had greatly increased, putting terrible strain on lenders and banks who did not receive their money back from the loans; the bubble had officially popped.

The problem is much worse than the dot-com stock crash from 2001.

"The housing market takes more time to recover than the stock market does," said Dr. Ying Wu, associate professor of economics.

The states hit hardest by this crisis have been California, Nevada, Florida and other populous suburbs, especially those outside of major metropolitan areas.

Several of the world's largest mortgage lenders have also felt the pressure of their relaxed lending habits. On March 16, Bear Stearns Companies, Inc. signed a merger with rival JPMorgan Chase after their stocks fell from $93 a share to $2 a share.

Subprime lenders were also affected by the high foreclosure rates. So far, more than 25 subprime lenders have filed for bankruptcy, including the country's largest subprime lender, New Century Financial.

Some economists believe that this has put America into a recession, defined as two consecutive quarters of decline in a country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Because of this, no one will know whether or not America is in a recession until late this year when each quarter's figures comes out.

Because of this, the Federal Reserve System has become very active in trying to stimulate the economy. One way they are doing so is through the stimulus package which is meant to give money to citizens to increase spending. The idea is that if people start spending more money, a recession will be averted.

Right now lenders have been wearier of giving out loans. The lenders feel uncertain about borrowers, which has caused a severe slow down in the market. As for buying a house, this would be a good time if the market is at the bottom. Even driving around Salisbury one can see that houses for sale are going for "reduced prices."

"The prices are low but may get even lower," Wu said. Generally it is not known when the market will hit the bottom until it is over, but many economists believe that prices will be the lowest by December. By 2009 the cost of housing will start to rise.

With the government intervention, low interest rates and a stimulus package, the nation may be saved from a recession and be back on its feet by 2009. All in all it is best to stay confident in the market.

"We can always take a lesson in this for the future," Wu said.

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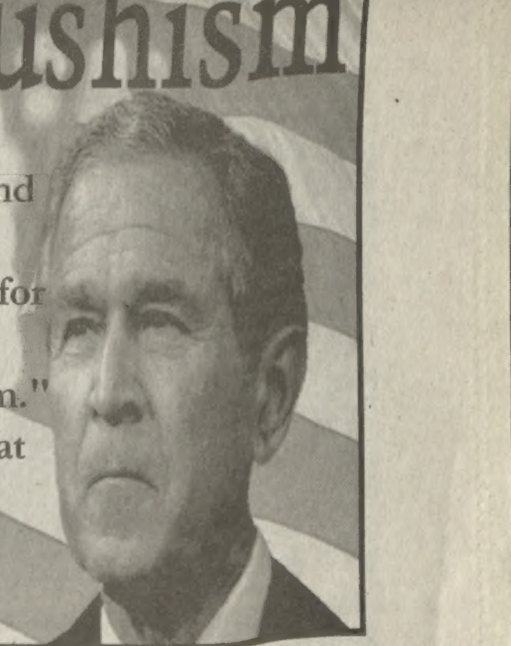
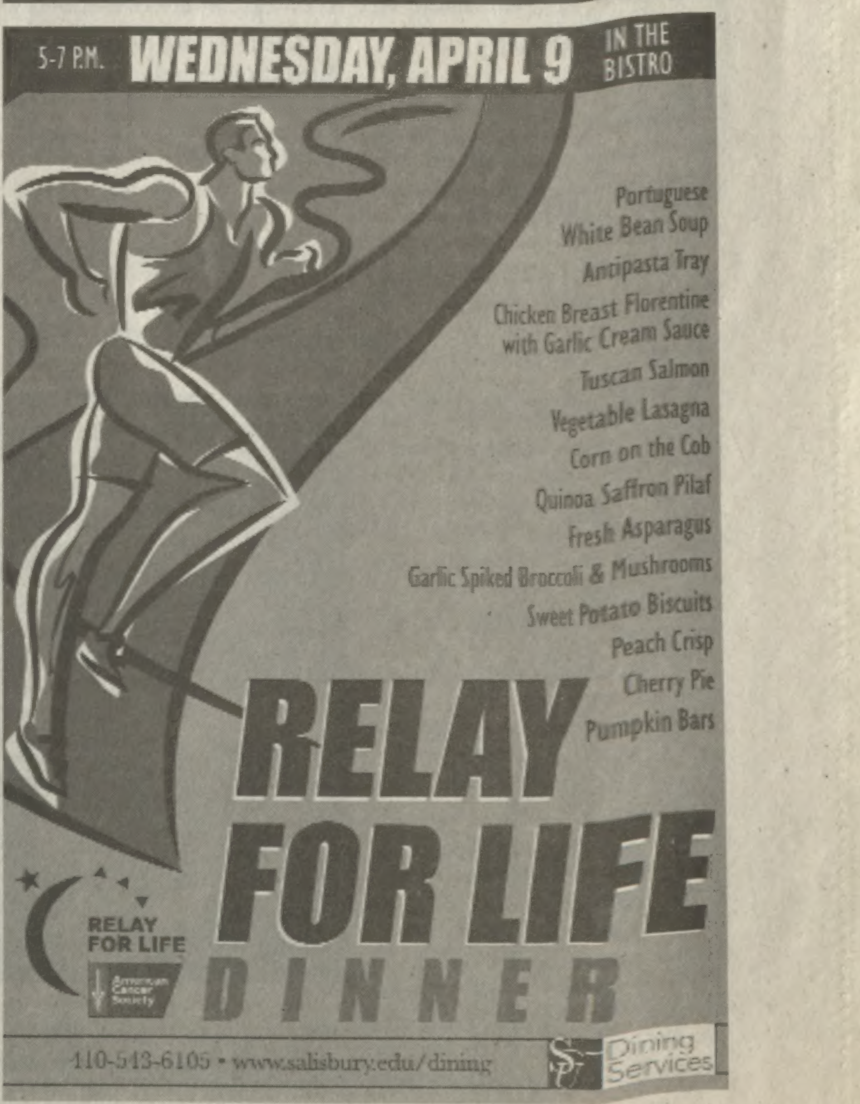
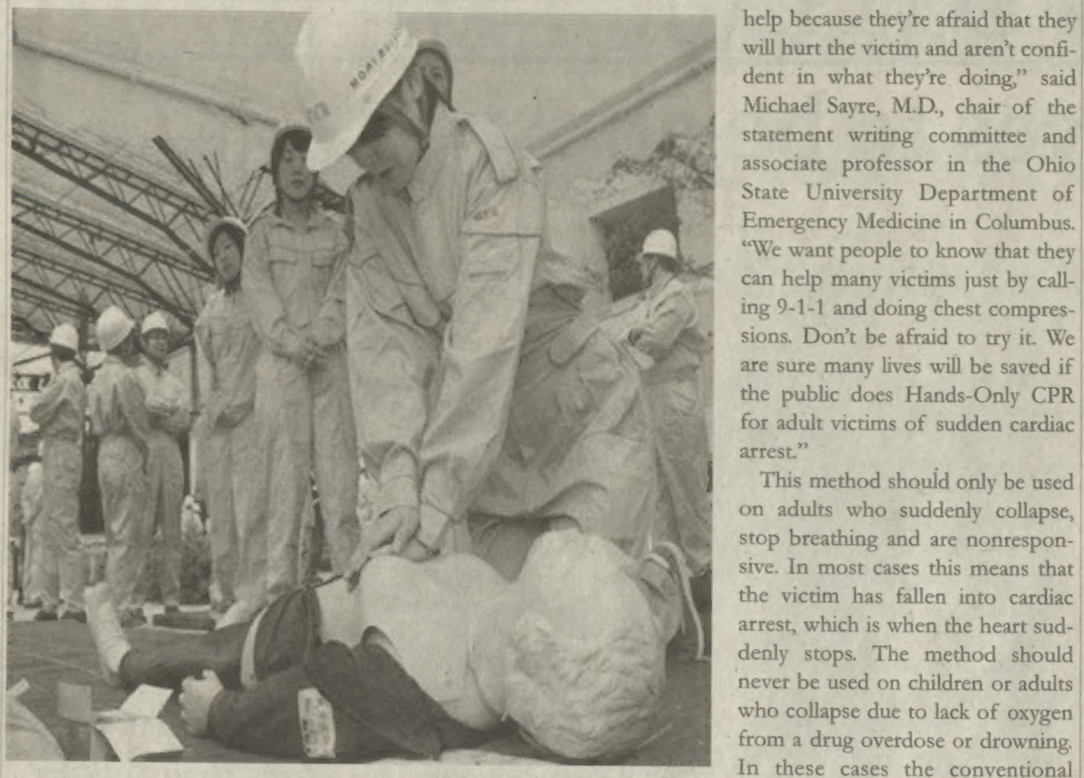
"Soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and Coastmen -- Coast Guardmen, thanks for coming, thanks for wearing the uniform." --George W. Bush, at the Pentagon, March 19, 2008





No more mouth-to-mouth in CPR



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The American Heart Association now recommends hands-only CPR.

By Sara Sutton
Staff writer

Imagine two guys are chillin' out, sitting on the couch, eating chips, when all of a sudden... one of them collapses! He needs CPR. His friend gets down pounds on his chest, leans in, hesitates, and goes to place his mouth on... WAIT! The American Heart Association has just switch to Hands-Only CPR methods.

In a statement released Monday, March 31, the American Heart Association has given in to numerous studies done on Hands-Only CPR, praising its high efficiency rate in saving lives.

Promoting the two-step only process, the American Heart Association is urging people to first call 911, then push hard and fast on the victim's chest, about 100 chest presses a minute until a paramedic arrives.

The traditional method called for the altering of 30 chest presses followed by two long "rescue breaths." But even after cardiac arrest, as long as the heart is being compressed to circulate blood there is enough oxygen in the body to keep an individual alive for several minutes as well as keeping the brain functional. It is comparable to when one holds their breath underwater. Also, an individual in cardiac arrest needs less oxygen than one who is not.

The benefit of this change is that bystanders should be more willing to perform this new act of CPR than before. Other than the "gross factors" of doing mouth-to-mouth, people now worry about the possible transmission of disease and over all uncomfortable feeling. Many are afraid they will not perform right. But this new method is easier to remember and just as easy to perform.

The American Heart Association also says that any effort is going to be better than no help at all, training or no training.

"Many times people nearby don't help because they're afraid that they will hurt the victim and aren't confident in what they're doing," said Michael Sayre, M.D., chair of the statement writing committee and associate professor in the Ohio State University Department of Emergency Medicine in Columbus. "We want people to know that they can help many victims just by calling 9-1-1 and doing chest compressions. Don't be afraid to try it. We are sure many lives will be saved if the public does Hands-Only CPR for adult victims of sudden cardiac arrest."

This method should only be used on adults who suddenly collapse, stop breathing and are nonresponsive. In most cases this means that the victim has fallen into cardiac arrest, which is when the heart suddenly stops. The method should never be used on children or adults who collapse due to lack of oxygen from a drug overdose or drowning. In these cases the conventional CPR method is needed to increase oxygen flow. For this reason the American Heart Association still strongly advocates that people obtain traditional CPR training.

The new statement released by the American Heart Association is intended to increase how often bystander CPR is performed. Every year around 310,000 adults die from cardiac arrest outside of a hospital setting. Without help the chance of survival decreases 7 to 10 percent every minute. On average, less than one-third receive bystander CPR outside of a hospital.

Currently the training for medical professionals has not changed. The American Heart Association also says that individuals who have been trained to perform traditional CPR should continue those methods only if they are confident in their abilities. If they are unsure they should then resort to the Hands-Only method.

For more information on how to perform Hands-Only CPR, watch videos and find CPR classes in your area visit americanheart.org/handsonlycpr.

12-year-old kills attacker

Police continue investigation, may press charges

By Douglas Allers
Staff Writer

In what appears to be a courageous act of defense, a 12-year-old Prince George's County boy killed a man who was attacking his mother on March 31.

The young boy, whose name has not been released, was playing video games in his living room when he heard his mother cry out from the kitchen. He immediately ran in, finding a man on top of her with his arms wrapped around her throat.

The Washington Post reported on April 2 that, at his mother's side, the 12-year-old kept pleading with the man to stop, eventually grabbing a kitchen knife and swiping it across the man's neck.

The man, who was identified as 64-year-old Salomon Noubissie, lived in the same boarding house where the boy and his mother, Cheryl Stamp, currently reside.

Noubissie did not die immediately. Suffering from an opened artery, he died later in the hospital. When police arrived on the scene, Noubissie was flailing around the room and was "combative" with the officers.

There was reportedly a lot of blood coming from his neck; however, he was still resistant to the officers' help.

Legal matters pertaining to the case are now being debated. *The Washington Post* stated, "Law enforcement officials were reviewing evidence...and had not decided whether to file charges. Their preliminary account of the incident broadly matches that of the boy and his mother. The case presents exceedingly unusual circumstances."

Cpl. Diane Richardson, a spokeswoman for Prince George's County police, said Wednesday that authorities hadn't decided whether the boy would be charged with anything. They were reviewing the case with the state's attorney's office.

"In Maryland, there can be a legitimate defense of third parties in the event of a violent attack," said State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey in an interview with *The Washington Post*. "That is a possibility in this case."

Noubissie, who was a Cameroonian immigrant, was a neighbor of Stamp's. She considered him a friend. However, on that Monday he was acting odd and became violent with her. Of French decent, he began yelling at her in a language that she could not understand.

She tried to calm Noubissie down, asking him to leave. He then threw Stamp against the wall. When her son ran in, he was holding Stamp by the throat and hitting her with a broom stick.

In the interview, Stamp said this is not the first tragedy to take place in her family. She is currently a widow who supports herself and her son from "widow's benefits" she received when her husband shot himself over 20 years ago. Her eldest son, 27, witnessed the suicide.

Stamp's son told *The Washington Post* that he was "not happy about what he had done but that he knew it was the right thing." He added that he prayed to God later that evening, asking to protect him and his mother and told God that he had stabbed the man because he was killing his mother.

Stamp and her son are currently in their home in the Landover area, trying to avoid people and reporters with questions about the event.

> "I'm not happy about what I did but I know it was the right thing."
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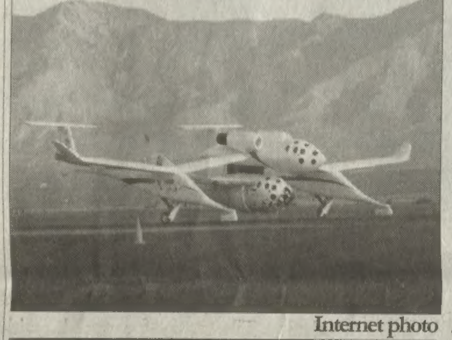
> **12-year-old boy**

Space tourism rockets into reality



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Spaceshipone, built by Scaled Composite in 2004.

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

According to a small California company, Xcor Aerospace, space tourism could become a reality in less than two years. The company is in the developmental stages of a small, one crew, one passenger spacecraft, called the "Lynx" that would be able to make multiple flights daily. According to Xcor, the spacecraft will be powered by "clean-burning, fully reusable, liquid-fuel engines."

There appears to be a recent growing interest in the privatization of space travel, beginning with the 2004 challenge by Virgin's Richard Branson.

Branson offered a ten million dollar purse to any non-governmental organization or individual that could design and fly a spacecraft into sub-orbital space with either two crew members or one crew member and the equivalent weight of a second person.

Scaled Composites' "Spacesshipone" flew to sub-orbital space and completed the first private space flight ever on June 21, 2004, to win the prize.

Since Scaled Composites' groundbreaking flight, they have begun development of a second, multiple-passenger space craft, similar to Spaceshipone.

Spaceshiptwo, as it's dubbed, is currently in the pre-production stages and making test flights in the Mojave desert. According to Virgin, over 200 people have booked charters on Spaceshiptwo for $200,000 per ticket.

Xcor's Lynx is a single passenger spaceship but, according to Xcor, will offer lower priced tickets than Branson's tours.

Both Xcor and Virgin claim that their space tours will begin with a physical examination of the passengers, followed by several days of safety and procedure training. Both companies assure the public that their vehicles are safe and well engineered. Xcor's design resembles a smaller version of a NASA space shuttle with its wings tipped up at the ends for optimal fuel efficiency and control.

The Lynx begins its journey like a conventional aircraft on a runway, before it rockets to mach three, straight up into space. Virgin's Spaceshiptwo, like Spaceshipone, begins its flight suspended from the bottom of a twin-jet aircraft that flies to about 50,000 feet. Spaceshiptwo is then released from the carrier ship where it freefalls momentarily, and then shoots off into the exosphere at face-deforming speeds.

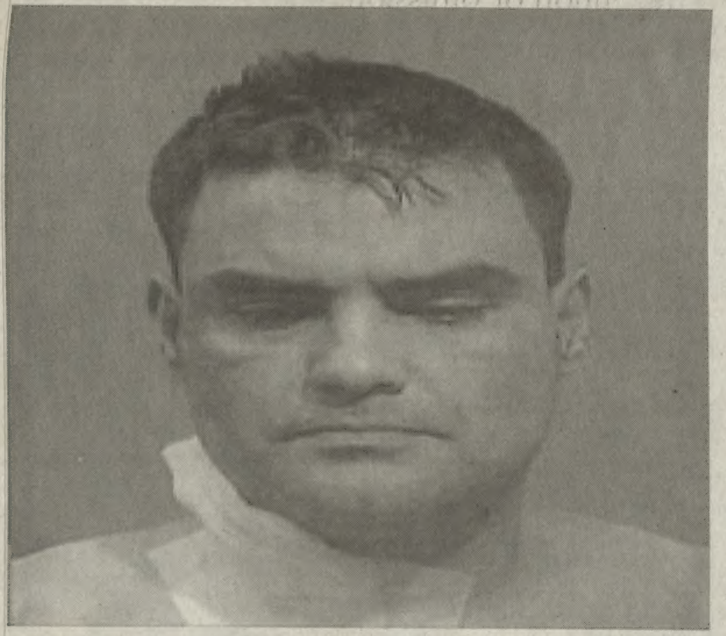
Passengers will see the cloudless blue sky turn darker by the second, until it suddenly turns black and gravity disappears. The vehicles will remain in micro-gravity for several minutes when passengers can unbuckle and experience weightlessness. Then the ships return to Earth's atmosphere where each one has a distinctly different re-entry procedure.

Xcor's ship will simply glide down until touchdown, but will retain extra fuel and the capability to reignite engines. Virgin's craft, upon reentry, will "feather" its wings perpendicular to the craft, to create massive amounts of drag to contend with the extreme speed and friction attributed to an atmospheric reentry. Once a reasonable altitude is reached, the wings will then de-feather and the ship will slowly glide back onto the tarmac.

Space tourism, only dreamed of as early as 10 years ago, is quickly becoming a reality with private enterprise influence. Many technological and revolutionary feats became commonplace industries by a similar progression. Aviation itself began with private funding and experimentation and grew into one of the most integral facets of the modern world.

While tickets are still out of the price range of most dreamers, it is not farfetched to imagine that space could be a feasible destination in the coming years.

Rockville man drowns his three children



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Mark Castillo (above) drowned his children in a bathtub at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD. He has a history of mental instability.

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

A Rockville man has been denied bail after confessing to drowning his three children in a hotel bathtub last week and then attempting to take his own life.

Mark Castillo admitted to drowning Anthony, 6, Austin, 4, and Athena, 3, one by one at the Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD.

Castillo swallowed 100 Motrin pills and repeatedly stabbed himself in the neck with a steak knife but failed to take his own life. Castillo called the front desk of the Baltimore hotel Sunday afternoon after sleeping for 19 hours and confessed to murdering his children the evening before.

"I know what I did was bad," Castillo told the medics who arrived at the scene, according to police charging papers. "I did it. I drowned the kids last night around 6 p.m."

Mark Castillo, 41, allegedly told his estranged wife Amy that he could hurt her most by making her live without her children. When Mark Castillo failed to return the children by 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, Amy Castillo contacted the Montgomery County police, fearing he may have harmed them.

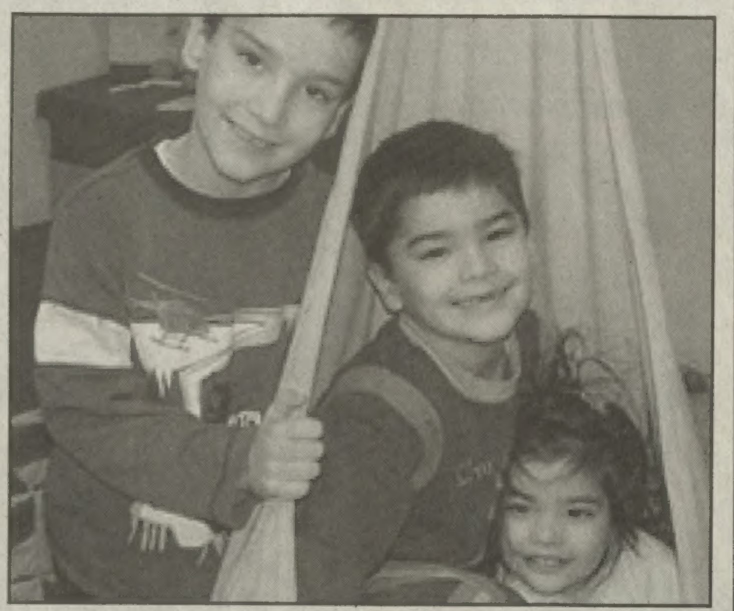
According to *The Washington Post*, Amy Castillo made three phone calls to the police between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Law enforcement attempted to locate Mark Castillo at his home and repeatedly called his cell phone to no avail.

Amy Castillo, a pediatrician, had been battling her husband in court through a bitter divorce and custody battle. Mark Castillo had planned a suicide attempt in the past but was allowed visitation rights with his children after being involuntarily hospitalized for a week. Amy Castillo warned the court that Mark was a danger to the children because of his history of mental illness and his verbal threats. The judge in the Castillo case found no reason to keep Mark from spending time with his children.

Mark Castillo moved out of the family home and had been renting a basement room from Maria Galvis for the past two years. Amy Castillo changed the locks when he left and continued to fight for a restraining order. Galvis told *The Washington Post* that Castillo was a wonderful father who was always playing with his children.

Cheryl Wharton, a family friend, read a brief statement to the press. "Amy Castillo asks for your continued prayers during this unspeakably difficult time. She is surrounded by family and friends and is coping as well as can be expected," Wharton said.

"This tragedy makes one wonder and question why someone would do such an act. We will be asking ourselves why, why could someone do this to three innocent young children?" said Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon.



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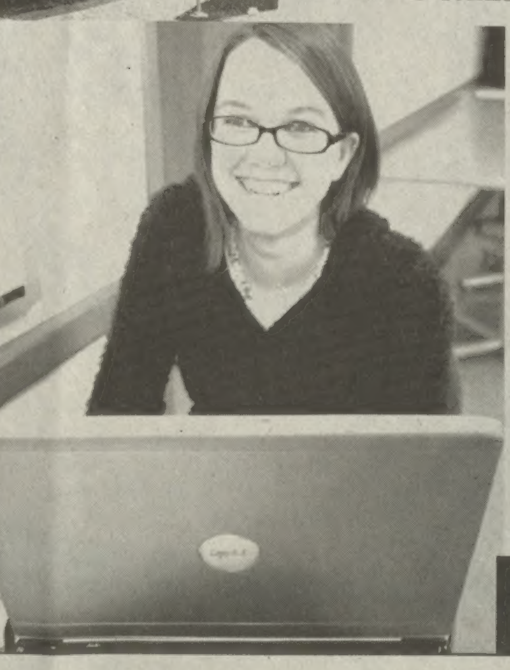
Anthony, 6, Austin, 4, and Athena, 3 (from left to right) were helpless victims of their father's twisted to scheme to get back at his ex-wife.



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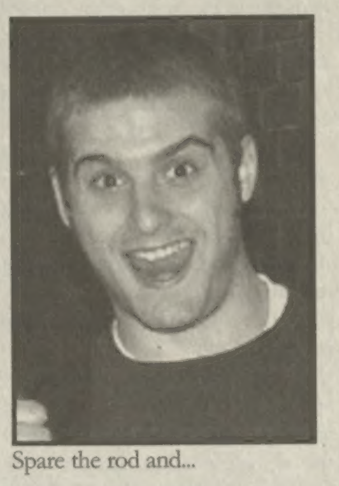
When in Rome...

"Get pizza."
Andy Yancura - sophomore



Spare the rod and...

"Catch a fish."
Dan Backman - sophomore

A bird in the hand is...

"Sh*t in your palm."
Elena Vera - sophomore

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Tibet question: A test for China

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Two men protest the Summer 2008 Olympics.

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

The upcoming 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing were meant to be a "coming out" of sorts for the People's Republic of China as a world power. The games were supposed to show a modern China, deserving of respect from the rest of the world. This hope for global acceptance was always in doubt by some because of the prominent criticisms of China's record on issues such as human rights, pollution, and the questions of Taiwan, East Turkestan and Tibet, all regions with disputes over their status. This doubt over China's fitness as a preeminent world power has turned into certainty due to the recent unrest in Tibet.

The unrest began in a nonviolent fashion, with a series of demonstrations in Tibet's capital city, Lhasa, commemorating a 1959 uprising in Tibet that was violently crushed by the PRC's army. The reaction of Chinese authorities to the demonstrations that occurred in March was typical of a country that limits dissent. The police were used to disperse the demonstrations and arrest the leaders of the protest, mainly Tibetan Buddhist monks.

This turned out to be the breaking point for the Tibetan people. In response to the crackdown on the nonviolent protesters, riots broke out throughout Tibet and spread to other regions with large numbers of Tibetans. Unfortunately, the unrest was filled with violence as ethnic Tibetans, frustrated with Chinese control and tired of watching the massive influx into Tibet of Hans, the majority ethnic group in the PRC, began attacking Han businesses, vehicles and individuals. The response from the PRC was to send a paramilitary police force to Tibet in order to pacify the region, while blaming the Dalai Lama, Tibet's nonviolent spiritual and political leader, for causing the riots. Though the uprising has now been put down, the underlying sentiments and problems that caused the uprising remain.

At the core of the Tibet issue is the attitude of the PRC toward the region and its indigenous culture and residents. The government of the People's Republic has embarked on a campaign of forcing the assimilation of Tibet by attempting to take control of Tibetan Buddhism by claiming the authority to choose the leaders of the religion. In addition, the Chinese government has constructed a railway into Tibet, allowing the PRC to exploit the region's natural resources, transport military forces into Tibet, and open up Tibet for settlement by Hans. As a result of China's neo-colonial policies towards Tibet, ethnic Hans now outnumber ethnic Tibetans in Lhasa.

The problem with Tibet is not so much a question of whether independence or autonomy should be granted to the region. The overall factor for the violence was not the presence of Hans, nor the arresting of monks by the police. The fundamental reason for what happened in Tibet goes beyond the Dalai Lama's control. The fact of the matter is that the Tibetan people are not being listened to. They have been marginalized in such a way that, out of anger and perhaps even desperation, they turned to violence against the most visible symbols of their marginalization, the Hans. That does not change the fact that the violence is wrong, but it shows the root of the problem. The Tibetan people, as a nation, do not like the status quo; they want change. If China wants to be taken seriously as a world power, then they need to learn how to deal with minority issues.

Dependency on cell phones becomes dangerous

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

The twentieth century brought about a new technology that has, in more recent years, become more of a dangerous vice than a benefit to society. That technology is the mobile phone. Not only do more than three billion people own a cell phone these days, the reliance on them has become an addiction. There is now a veritable, documented condition known as nomophobia (short for no-mobile phobia)—or "the fear of being un-contactable because your mobile phone is lost, broken, out of battery life or not receiving network coverage" (1).

According to a survey given to 2,163 cell phone owners in the UK, 53 percent of the UK's 45 million cell phone users get extremely anxious if they're not able to use their cell phones. Of those surveyed, 20 percent said they never turn their cell phone off and 10 percent said that their job required them to be contactable at all times (2). Stewart Fox-Mills is the head of the company that conducted the cell phone survey. He points out that "being out of mobile contact may be the 21st century's contribution to our already manic lives. Being phoneless and panicked is a symptom of our 24/7 culture" (2).

These findings should be an obvious indication of a serious problem. It is commonly understood that dependence upon vices such as cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, caffeine, food, etc. is detrimental to one's physical and mental health. The utter reliance on a modern day piece of technology is no better. Some would argue that cell phone dependency is harmless, but that would be an ill-informed opinion.

Many scoff at the idea that cell phones may cause cancer. However, researchers have not only proven the link between cell phone usage and brain cancer, they've also announced that cell phones may soon surpass cigarettes and asbestos as a leading cause of cancer. The reason for the latter claim is that there are three times as many cell phone users than smokers in the world today.

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The risk of brain cancer caused by cell phones is much higher for children than for adults.

Dr. Vini Khurana, a renowned neurosurgeon, conducted more than 100 studies on the issue and concluded that the microwave radiation emitted by cell phones can double the risk of developing brain cancer (3). Dr. Khurana suggests that the government take the situation seriously or the occurrence of brain tumors is likely to take a sharp increase in the next decade. The governments in France and Germany have already put out warnings about the dangers of cell phone use.

Until cell phone manufacturers are able to engineer a way to block the radiation from affecting the human brain, there are some precautions that can be taken. The most obvious precautionary measure would be to limit cell phone usage as much as possible. More importantly, children should not be permitted to use cell phones unless required by an emergency situation. Children are more vulnerable to cell phone radiation because they have thinner skulls, their nervous systems are still developing and their immune systems have not fully matured (4). Not only do young children absorb more than twice the amount of radiation that adults do, they will also accumulate more exposure than today's adults because of the introduction to cell phones so early in life. Parents should also make sure that their homes and their children's schools are not too near a cell phone base tower. A Germany study showed that living within 400 meters of a cell phone tower can triple the risk of developing cancer.

It's time for people to get their cell phone addiction under control. The first step is admitting you have a problem.

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The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Hard

Solution to last week's puzzle:

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Doctors with addictions continue to treat patients

Internet photo

Becky Anderson (above) is now dying of breast cancer because of Dr. Brian West's alcoholism and negligence.

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

A doctor is someone you can trust, right? Wrong. Well, at least not in the case of Becky Anderson, who received a breast reconstruction from Dr. Brian West, an alcoholic. Anderson had to undergo a breast augmentation in 2000 because she was suffering from breast cancer. Little did Anderson know that her fate was being put in the hands of an alcoholic who had been convicted for driving under the influence in 1987. To make matters worse, Dr. West was convicted of a second DUI on his way to treat her. Dr. West told Anderson that he missed her appointment because of a car accident. Anderson sued the doctor for negligence and malpractice. Although Dr. West never admitted he was at fault, he settled with her for $250,000.

Anderson is now dying from cancer because she could not undergo cancer treatment while battling complications from the surgery performed by Dr. West. One may wonder how this could be allowed. It is really quite simple. California's Physician Diversion Program has deemed Dr. West an alcoholic, but this program keeps the doctors' identities private. This allowed Dr. West to keep treating patients while secretly getting help for his addiction.

A study done by the Federation of State Physician Health Programs found that one percent of all physicians in the US are seeking treatment confidentially. That means there are about 8,000 doctors who have patients that don't know they are receiving treatment for alcohol or drug use.

The last thing people think about when choosing a doctor is whether they are an alcoholic or drug user. People assume doctors have completely healthy lifestyles and they can be trusted. This is not a far-fetched assumption considering they are the ones treating people who are not healthy.

Incidents like this should be causing alarm to the rest of us. Being an alcoholic and getting a DUI is a serious matter. What is an alcoholic doctor doing operating on a human being? What gives a drunk doctor the right to have someone's life in his or her hands? Unfortunately, these questions are hard to answer. In my opinion, doctors should lose their license if they treat someone while under the influence.

According to the California Medical Board, Dr. West flunked out of the diversion program and was put on probation. This meant that he was not allowed to practice medicine for one year. Unfortunately, that year has passed and Dr. West is legally allowed to practice medicine again.

The disturbing events that have happened with Dr. West and his patients need to stop. Dr. West is causing innocent people like Anderson to die. This is murder and should be stopped.

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Prayer over medicine results in girl's death

Parents should face charge of negligence for watching her die

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

The clash of science and religion is something that seems to be happening more frequently, but for the most part, is harmless debating. Unfortunately, there are sometimes tragic results, such as the case of Wisconsin 11-year-old Madeline Neumann. The young girl died from diabetic ketoacidosis, which was undiagnosed and treatable, because her parents chose to pray instead of taking her to a doctor. She was reported to have been suffering for a month with symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, weakness and loss of appetite.

Leilani Neumann, the girl's mother, had said that her family believes in the bible and that healing comes from God. She also said that they are not part of an organized religion or fanatics and they have nothing against doctors. In the weeks close to her death, her mother noted tiredness in her and the day before she died, it took a more serious turn. Relatives also called for help and her father, Dale Neumann, a former police officer, started CPR "as soon as the breath of life left her." Leilani said that she and her husband aren't worried about criminal charges, saying that their lives are in God's hands and that they did not do anything criminal, but instead did the best they knew how to do for their daughter. After her death, the three other siblings in the family were removed from the home and placed with relatives, something everyone agreed was for the best. While the local police chief is leaving charges up to the district attorney, he said, "There is no intent. They didn't want their child to die. They thought what they were doing was the right thing. They believed up to the time she stopped breathing she was going to get better. They believed if they prayed enough she would get through it."

I would be shocked if charges aren't filed because while there was no malicious intent and manslaughter may be extreme, a charge of negligence is perfectly fitting. While the police chief said, "There is no physical evidence of abuse or neglect," I fail to see how essentially sitting back and watching your daughter waste away for a month does not constitute neglect. A little girl had a treatable disease and is now dead because her family failed to seek medical attention. It's a tragic story that should have been avoided. You can believe something all you want, but when someone's health is involved, actual steps should have been taken to ensure her return to health.

It's a horribly stupid situation, because there was no reason for her not to seek treatment if the family had nothing against doctors. It defies logic how one could see a clash of science and religion for something like this, but this isn't a situation where logic would be found. If their belief solely relied on prayer, while consciously rejecting medicine, her parents are completely at fault for having beliefs that endanger the lives of children. It doesn't matter what you believe; prayer simply should not solely replace medical attention. If anything, they should have prayed to accentuate the real-world scientific medical process that would have saved their daughter's life, because if you pray for a month and she gets worse, it's time to try something else.

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11-year-old Madeline Neumann died of diabetic ketoacidosis, an undiagnosed and treatable disease.

Workplace dresscodes: How far is too far?

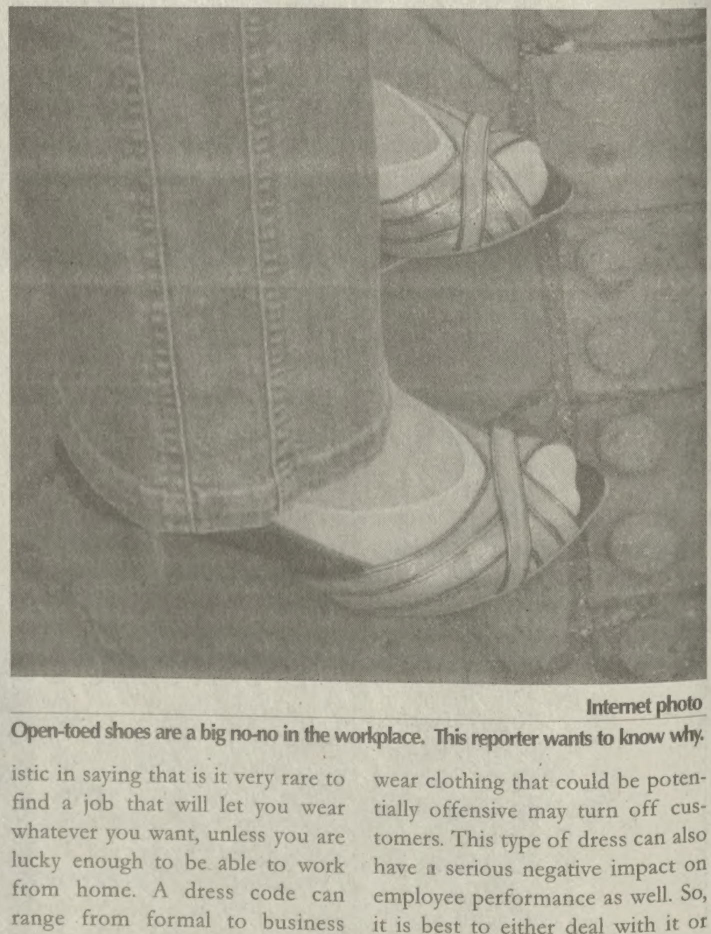
By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

The workplace is a place to make money, a place of stress, a place where we all get told what to do, no matter who we are. No matter where you work, one thing remains the same. We all abide by rules, even ones that apply to our attire. Most jobs have a dress code; even the NBA has a dress code that underwent a lot of controversy. Yet, a lot of people think jobs are taking workplace dress codes a little too far.

No jeans, no open-toed shoes, all skirts must touch the knees, all shirts must have sleeves and the list goes on and on. I believe that a dress code is necessary. A dress code provides uniformity and ensures that the employees as well as the company are presented in a respectable and positive light.

I do also agree that some dress codes are a little ridiculous. In my workplace, one rule that aggravates me is the no open-toed shoes. I understand if one is handling heavy merchandise, but most employees are just handling money and dealing with customers. I think it is a little silly for us not to be as comfortable as possible.

If you have a job where the rules do not fit your needs, you may want to just quit. But let us be realistic in saying that is it very rare to find a job that will let you wear whatever you want, unless you are lucky enough to be able to work from home. A dress code can range from formal to business casual, to casual. A dress code, as I stated before, is very important; if it is a place where you deal with people. The appearance of staff members who dress sloppily or wear clothing that could be potentially offensive may turn off customers. This type of dress can also have a serious negative impact on employee performance as well. So, it is best to either deal with it or have a conversation with your employer. You may have a better understanding of the reasons behind the dress code and not feel so stifled in the workplace.



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Open-toed shoes are a big no-no in the workplace. This reporter wants to know why.

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Want your story heard?

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

Since 2003, StoryCorps has allowed tens of thousands of Americans to record their personal thoughts and stories to be shared with others.

"The premise is to get two people in the booth who know each other well," said Gerry Weston, General Manager of Public Radio Delmarva. "It doesn't matter what age, race, or gender. They really want everyone involved."

StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, and has set up in locations such as Times Square in New York and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. This year, for the first time, the StoryCorps recording booth is coming to the Delmarva area. The portable recording studio will be parked at the Delaware Technical and Community College Campus in Georgetown from April 17- May 10.

The goal of this project is to capture the powerful stories of everyday Americans. In addition, preserving these stories allows others to listen to inspiring conversations, and connect with the voices of fellow Americans. StoryCorps is a public service that documents the events which affect the citizens of our nation, and celebrates our shared humanity.

The process is simple. Two people who know each other well, this could be family members or close friends, go into the StoryCorps recording booth for a forty minute session. One party interviews the other on a subject of their choice. Weston said the unique aspect of this is the interview is done by someone that knows you well, not just a stranger or reporter, which makes these conversations more personal.

"There is an unbelievably wide range of topics. They could range from death in the family to significant moments in someone's life, to relationships that have gone sour or funny stories," Weston said. "Hearing is believing, you have to hear them to believe how emotionally powerful some of these stories are."

"Whoever wants to be involved can be involved, no matter who they are," Weston said. The booths have recorded survivors from the Sept. 11 attacks, children of the Depression, veterans of the civil rights movement, homeless people, cancer patients, war veterans, and many more.

StoryCorps was created by award-winning NPR documentary producer, Dave Isay. Like the Works Progress Administration interviews of the 1930s, StoryCorps seeks out ordinary Americans; the people whose stories rarely make it to the pages of history textbooks, to share something that they believe is significant.

In October of 2003, StoryCorps was born with the opening of a StoryBooth in New York City's Grand Central Terminal. In May of 2005, two traveling recording studios housed in Airstream trailers traveled to different states seeking out interviews from thousands of Americans. In July of 2005, the second StoryBooth opened up in New York City. This booth began with the special initiative to remember those who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001. Since then, StoryCorps has launched other specific initiatives, including a mission to reach out to those affected by memory loss, and also the StoryCorps Griot initiative, which aims to collect the stories of thousands of African Americans.

The interviews recorded are preserved and made available for future generations, allowing them to listen to real life accounts of events that happened in our lifetime, Weston added. For many, stepping into the booth is a way their voice can reach not only the upcoming generations, but also their own descendants.

Participants receive a CD of the forty minute conversation when they leave the booth. Also, if both parties sign a release form, the CD is preserved at the Library of Congress. A copy is also archived at Public Radio Delmarva's studios at Salisbury University, and selected interviews could be broadcasted on WSCL 89.5 FM and WSDL 90.7 FM. Others will be edited and included in StoryCorps' database for national broadcast on NPR.

"We're very happy to make this service available near the Salisbury community," Weston said.

For reservations contact Gerry Weston at 410-543-6895. For more information about StoryCorps visit: .

SOAP presents Comedian Geoff Keith

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

Comedian Geoff Keith confidently walked onto the stage in Holloway Hall on the night of April 1, and for good reason, as he proceeded to charm the audience with jokes and improvisation.

In his camo pants, black t-shirt and white undershirt, Keith immediately began commenting on the idea of college.

"I tried to go, but they want you to read all the time," Keith said during the show. "5,000 pages by tomorrow, you say? My question was, how do I drop a class?"

"I like to book people who can relate to the student body," said SOAP comedy leader Katie Ryan. "That is something very important to me. Geoff Keith is younger, so I knew he would be able to connect with us."

Keith briefly attended the University of Redlands where he played on the basketball team and dreamt of being in the NBA. When his averages did not impress the scouts, he dropped out and started doing stand up comedy, a wise choice.

Keith has appeared on Comedy Central and Playboy TV and has opened for Damon Wayans, Paul Mooney and Lisa Lampanelli, among others.

His show content comes from various sources. "A lot of it comes from true stories from my life," Keith said after the show. He also feeds off of his audience. He reacts to every comment or request.

Some of Keith's jokes were crude and at times, that did not seem to sit well with the audience. Yet, he brushed it off each time there was a silence or a sound of disapproval. "Why does it matter if I am making fun of them? It's just a joke," he said during the show.

Sarah Wright photo

Comedian Geoff Keith brings Su freshman Dung Nguyen up to the stage and playfully makes fun of her after she insulted his looks.

"He did a very good job with interacting with the audience and running with changes and reactions he got from audience members," said sophomore Matt Mitchell. "Also, his planned routine was very funny and while his comments could be taken as harsh he kept it cool and made it a great show!"

"[Keith] is a comedian, so he's not going to be talking about puppy dogs and butterflies," Ryan said. "So far I have not heard bad things about him. I thought he was hilarious."

Keith said that he does not mind making fun of anyone because he has friends from all different races, religions and sexual orientations. He pokes fun at comments from the audience and in Tuesday's show, he made one audience member's comments a large section of the set. One girl said that Keith was not good-looking and he added that into his act. He stopped the show, found out who it was and brought her up on stage.

"I most enjoyed how persistent he was when trying to find the girl who insulted him," Mitchell said.

Senior Caitlyn Distler said that part of the set was not her favorite, but she liked how Keith incorporated it into the show because it was him interacting with the audience.

"My show is all about having a good time and I like it to feel like a party between me and the crowd. I look at the crowd as one big friend and, just like when you hang out with your friends, no one is safe (not even me)," Keith said.

Keith kept asking Ryan how much time he had left, and he did not stop at his hour mark. He went on for 40 extra minutes because of the positive reaction from students in the crowd. The audience did not seem to mind, and kept on laughing until Geoff Keith said goodnight.

SU to hold large graduate school fair during NCUR

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 10, Salisbury University will be hosting its largest graduate school fair yet. During NCUR, the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, representatives from 59 graduate school programs from around the country will be ready to provide SU students and the NCUR presenters with information on their programs.

The fair will be held in the Wicomico Room of GUC on Thursday, April 10, from 1 - 4 p.m. With programs ranging from law school to chiropractors, there will be something for everyone. Students from all majors are welcomed to the fair.

Rebecca Emery, Director of Career Services, said that what makes this fair such a unique opportunity for those students considering graduate school is that SU is not usually able to attract this many schools. Because SU is a smaller campus, only half the amount of graduate schools came to the previous grad school fair. Because of the NCUR convention, SU has had the opportunity of welcoming schools from near and far that may not have been able to attend otherwise.

Most of the graduate school programs that will be at the fair are traditional style programs that are offered at the actual university or college. Emery suggests that those interested in attending ask about grad assistant programs that may be available because it is a good way to get field experience and the program will usually pay the student's tuition. Many SU undergraduates return to get their grad degree as assistants helping out in many departments in the university.

"Anyone who thinks they might go to grad school is encouraged to attend. It is the perfect time for juniors who want to go to grad school right away after graduation and seniors looking to take a year off before grad school," Emery said. "Even if the specific program you are interested in is not present, you should talk to schools that are there for comparison. You might like one of those better."

Sophomores and freshmen are also encouraged to stop in if they have any questions or want to get the feel for what to expect in the coming years. It is never too early to start checking things out.

This is unlike many job and internship fairs that have been offered at SU before. The dress is very casual, so come as you are. Even if you are just passing by and want to stop in to get some information, you will be welcomed. This event is for the schools to advertise themselves and get you thinking about your future. It is a great opportunity to get information and make connections with the admissions staff.

"Stop in to see what is out there. See what it takes to get into the program," said SU student and intern Kaitlin McGing, who has been working hard to plan the fair.

You do not need to bring anything with you and you do not need to sign up. Emery said that this event is no fuss for the students. The tables may be giving away free stuff at the fair as well. 15- 30 minutes is plenty of time to walk around if you just have free time between classes or if you have a busy schedule that day.

For more information keep an eye out for a booklet as well as information on the SU Web page. You can also contact Rebecca Emery at raemery@salisbury.edu.

Local seniors participate in athletic competition

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A participant showcases his athletic abilities in the Track and Field event; just one piece of the Eastern Shore Senior Games held at SU.

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

This past week, Salisbury University hosted the 2008 Eastern Shore Senior Games. The following age groups could participate: 50-54, 54-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89 and up. The events took place both at Salisbury University and other locations in and around Salisbury. Participants and teams who competed were also eligible to earn medals in each specific team or individual event. Participants in the event had a wide range of activities that they could choose to compete and earn medals in.

The following events were available to compete in: Aquatics, Badminton, Bowling, Cycling, Floor & Fowl Shooting, Pump & Run, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball. The Senior Games were sponsored by Medi-CareFirst, Phi Epsilon Kappa, Deer Run Golf Club, See Gull Century, Cherokee Lanes, and Salisbury University Department of Physical Education.

The interesting thing about the participants of the Senior Games is their levels of both athleticism and endurance. This was evident during the team Volleyball Competition on Friday night in Maggs Physical Activities Center. Age seemed to make little difference in the level of competition and it was clear that the participants were highly trained and were prepared for the event. While all the participants took the competitions seriously, the matches had a very light-hearted feel.

One area of Maggs was partitioned off so that two matches could occur at the same time. Following the Volleyball competition was the Aquatics which was also held in Maggs. While the weather forecast threatened to cancel some of Saturday's outdoor events such as Tennis, Cycling, and Track & Field, the indoor events such as Table Tennis and Woman's Team Volleyball will not be affected.

The Eastern Shore Senior Games are a local version of the Maryland Senior Games, The Delaware Senior Olympics and the National Senior Games. The National Senior Games began in 1985 in St Louis when a group of seven men and woman formed what was initially called the National Senior Olympics Organization. That group would plan the first National Senior Olympic Games, held in 1987 in St. Louis. The games later changed their name to The National Senior Games and is now a non-profit organization dedicated to motivating active adults to lead a healthy lifestyle through the senior games movement. Its signature event, the Summer Games, has grown to one of the largest multi-sport events in the world and has gained coverage by the New York Times and ESPN.

The Maryland Senior Games are held in Early September in Montgomery County. The Delaware Senior Olympics are held In September and November in Dover. Those who qualify for the Maryland Senior Games and the Delaware Senior Olympics can then compete for a chance to participate in The National Senior Games to be held in 2009 in San Francisco.

Australian history brought to life at Brown Bag Lunch

By Nick Lehwald
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the SU History department hosted its first Brown Bag Lunch lecture of the semester. The topic of the day: reconciliation. The lecture, titled "Land Makes Us Human: Aboriginal Voices of Recuperation in the Wake of Colonial Violence," was presented by philosophy professor Dr. Jim Hatley in the social room of Holloway Hall.

During the lecture, Dr. Hatley read selected portions from his manuscript "The Bread from One's Mouth and the Bread from the Other's Mountain: Entangled Histories and Incessant Corrections." Dr. Hatley's lecture focused on the difficulties of reconciliation between native Australians (Aborigines) and the white European population of Australia.

Hatley, a longtime faculty member of the philosophy department, is a widely published author and essayist. Speaking to a small audience consisting mostly of faculty and students, the lecture lasted about an hour and a half, including a question and answer session at the end.

"I think it was pretty cool and interesting to see all these professors here asking each other questions and discussing the situation. It was very interesting," said junior Robert Voshell.

According to Dr. Hatley, the relations between European colonists and native Australians were permanently damaged when the colonists began claiming and renaming land for themselves and forcing the natives off the land. Part of the problem is the way that European settlers relate with the land, which is completely opposite from the Aboriginals' relationship with the land. Europeans, who regarded the land as a commodity, claimed tracks for individual people and families, while Aboriginals had no such claims, feeling the land belonged to everyone and they belonged to the land. This has been a major stigma in the relationship between the native and European populations of Australian.

Over the past few decades, there have been many attempts at reconciliation in Australia, such as the returning of lands to the native Aboriginals and renaming sites of Aboriginal heritage. Some of the more well known changes have been the renaming of Mount Dromedary to its original name, Mount Gulaga and Ayers Rock to Uluru. While this is a step in the right direction, there is still a long way to go. In some ways, the simple renaming of the mountains alters the significance of the give-back itself. For the government, giving back the mountain to the natives signifies a reconciliation of the past. But to the Aboriginals, the mountain was never anybody's to give back. Based on those opposing perspectives, it's easy to see how difficult any reconciliation between both parties can be.

"You can't restore or reinstitute what is lost. You can recuperate it though, through conversation and discourse with all parties involved," Dr. Hatley said. "Complete restoration is already impossible, simply by the passing of time. The only way recuperation can occur is to have the people who were harmed educate those who harmed them about what happened."

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Philosophy professor Dr. James Hatley discusses Australian history at last Wednesday's Brown Bag lunch lecture hosted by the history dept.

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Ms. Advice

"I know my friend's boyfriend is cheating on her. I don't want to get in the middle of their relationship but I also can't stand to see her get hurt. Should I tell her or let someone else be the bearer of bad news?"

This is a tricky situation. Your friend might resent you if you do tell her and think you have ulterior motives. On the other hand, put yourself in her shoes. Would you want someone to tell you this? One option is confronting her boyfriend and convincing him to 'fess up to her so that you are not the bearer of bad news. Make sure you are one hundred percent certain that he is cheating on her, and let him know you are not okay with it. You can tell him that if he is not planning on telling his girlfriend, you will tell your friend and that you think she would prefer to hear it from him so that she is not embarrassed. Explain to him that if he tells her, the chances of her forgiving him are a lot better because he can explain himself. If he is still denying it, you should tell your friend. It will save her a lot of hurt and pain later on in the relationship and even if she is angry at first, she will realize what a good friend you are in the end. Give her time and space to cope with her boyfriend being dishonest and she will come around.

"My parents are getting divorced and I hate being away from home. I feel like if I was there I could fix it. I don't know how to deal with this being away at school. I feel helpless."

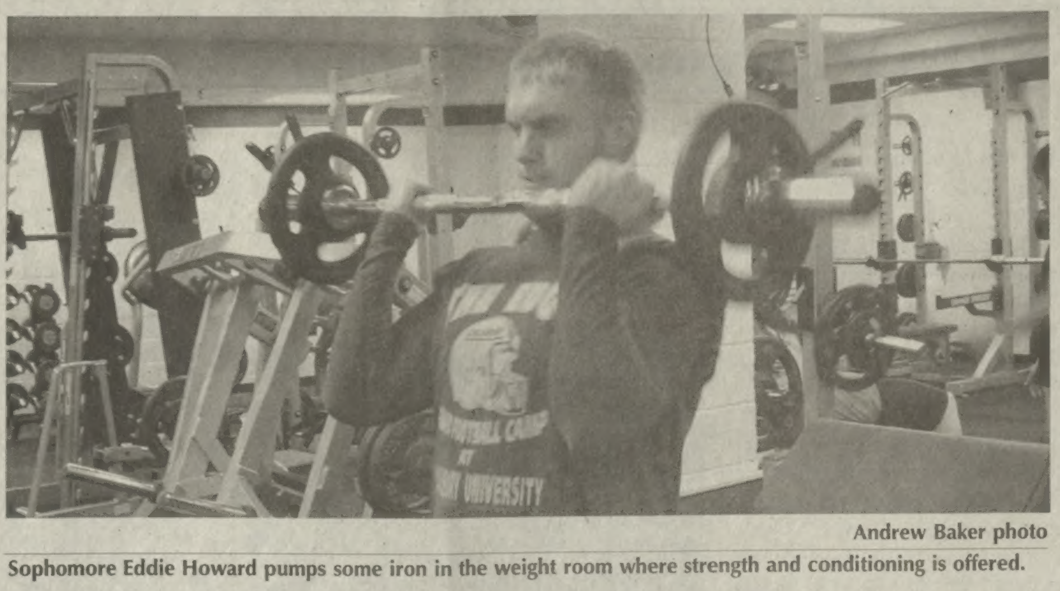
Thousands of college students are affected by divorce while they are away at school, so remember you are not alone. Try to keep things in perspective and remember, this is not about you. This is about them and their relationship. Remind yourself that you did not cause your parents' marital problems or divorce and that it is normal to have feelings of split loyalties to your parents. It is important that you take care of yourself even while dealing with family issues. Sharing your feelings and concerns with others will help you get through this. They will be helpful in understanding what you are feeling. Isolating yourself can raise your stress level, mess up your concentration and get in the way of your schoolwork, relationships and overall health. Invest time in your hobbies and interests. Take time out to exercise, rest and relax. Keep to your normal routines. Do not use alcohol and drugs as a way to cope; they only lead to more problems. People whose parents are divorcing often feel sad, angry and depressed, and have a tough time concentrating. It is okay to feel all of these things; so do not be afraid to let these emotions out. There may be pressure to choose sides, but try to be as loving as possible to both parents. Your parents need to work out their own divorce and financial arrangements without using you as a middle man. Things may not be the same as they were before, but finding new, fun things to do and interacting with understanding and reasonable expectations will make this transition easier. Be flexible. Family traditions are still important but some of them may need to be adjusted. Help create new traditions and family activities.

"I really want to get back together with my ex-boyfriend but all of my friends hate him and don't think he's good enough for me. He would only call me once a week and he kissed another girl while we were together but I know he can change. What should I do?"

If your friends say he is not good enough, he probably isn't. Your friends are looking out for you and will do anything to avoid you getting hurt again. While it is easy to get back together with someone because it's comfortable, it is also important to remember why you broke up with him in the first place. Try to remember what made you mad about him. Did he call you once a week? Don't forget how much time you wasted being upset and complaining to your friends. They want what is best for you and know you can do better. If you get back together with him, he is going to think how he treated you in the first place was okay. If he did not treat you right to begin with, what makes him worthy of a second chance? Find someone who will treat you right all the time, instead of only some of the time.

Strength and conditioning program provided at SU

Both students and athletes benefit from training



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Sophomore Eddie Howard pumps some iron in the weight room where strength and conditioning is offered.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

Salisbury University offers a strength and conditioning program designed with the athlete in mind. The program believes in implementing a functional, sport-specific and individualized program. It also aims to provide each athlete with the structure that is required to perform at each individual's optimal level of play while trying to instill the concepts of teamwork, respect, dedication, mental toughness and hard work through the training programs.

The program is voluntary for each athlete, but because of the increasing benefits of the program, athletes continue to come.

"You can see the intensity level in seniors because of the education and training they have received throughout the years," said Matt Nein, director of the program. The program has been so successful for the varsity athletic teams that club sports teams are beginning to get involved also.

Each workout is designed specifically for each player in their sport to help them receive the most beneficial workout. Athletes are put on a yearly plan and can access their workout on their own whenever they cannot come to team workouts. The primary part of the program is lifting weights and running mechanics, but also involves three critical areas; abdominal and lower back strengthening, rotator cuff and scapular stabilization training, and speed, agility and conditioning.

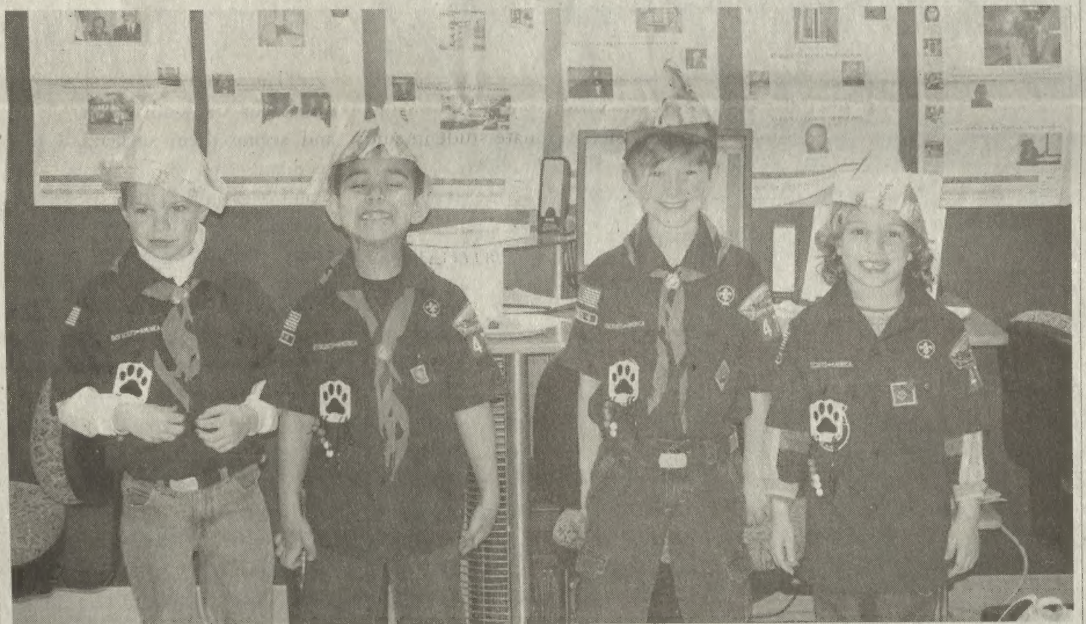
The strength and conditioning program owes a lot to the dedicated staff working with the program. The staff involved is constantly reading up on the latest exercises, the best techniques, and the newest ways to condition to make sure that each athlete is getting the most up-to-date workout.

"We're doing cutting edge stuff that you'll find at any other university," Nein said. Nein is the strength and conditioning coordinator at Salisbury University and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS). Mike Zourdus is a graduate assistant and strength and conditioning coach and a CSCS. Robb Disbennett, Nick Good-Malloy, Douglas Fleetwood, Ryan Fleetwood, Lou Lombardo, Monir Salmon, Stephen Prince, David Leonard and Tim Morrill all wok with the program also.

The directors and coaches involved with the program can see the impact that the strength and conditioning is having on the athletes.

"Records are being set. There is an impact it has. People just keep getting better," Nein said. "To see the team succeed and know that we had an impact on that, even just a little, makes it the best."

Cub Scouts visit *The Flyer*, learn about newspapers



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Cub Scouts Brendan Payne, Alex Rojas, Joey Bernstein and Chase Appel visit the Flyer office on Sunday, March 30. The boys told staff members about the importance of being a cub scout and learned about the newspaper layout process.

By R.L. Pusey
Staff Writer

On Sunday, March 30, four members of Cub Scout Troop 478 and their parents visited the SU Flyer office to learn about the world of journalism and newspaper layout.

The group of polite and adorable young boys enjoyed a variety of activities such as making newspaper hats, eating snacks and doing word searches. The boys got to show off their creative and humorous side while making the hats. "How do you keep warm when it's cold?" asked six-year-old Joey Berstein, to which he replied, "You wear a hat on top of a hat!"

They shared the importance of being a cub scout with the Flyer staff while staff members showed them how to layout text and pictures. The cubs also told staff members about their favorite activities and sports including camping, fishing, basketball, bowling, kickball and the pinewood derby racing. Den mother Kim Payne plans and coordinates many of the cub scout events and outings. "They need about an hour of outside learning activity weekly," Payne said.

According to the Cub Scouts official Web site, the Boy Scouts of America have helped younger boys through Cub Scouting since 1930. It is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade (or 6 - 10 years of age). Parents, leaders and organizations work together to achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting. Currently, Cub Scouting is the largest of the BSA's three traditional membership divisions.

The 10 purposes of Cub Scouting are: character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure, and preparation for Boy Scouts.

"They really are an exceptional group of boys," Payne said.

HEALTH COLUMN

The many benefits of Yoga

By Sarah Brinton
Staff Writer

Summer is almost upon us, which can lead to thoughts of looking good in that stowed away bathing suit! Fat burning exercises and eating well are both important to getting that desired figure, however, toning is essential.

Yoga can help strengthen your body and your mind. When muscle density is high, the fat pounds will drop off. Along with a strong, relaxed body, a clear mind can help students stay academically focused.

"Yoga takes my stress away. Having a part-time job and being a full-time college student used to make me crazy until I started doing yoga every day and attending a weekly class," said Samantha Williams, a student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

Dr. Eleanor Stump, yoga instructor and founder of the Asian Studies Institute in Delmar, claims that just 15 minutes of basic yoga first thing in the morning will do your body and mind wonders.

For even better results, 15 minutes in the evening will

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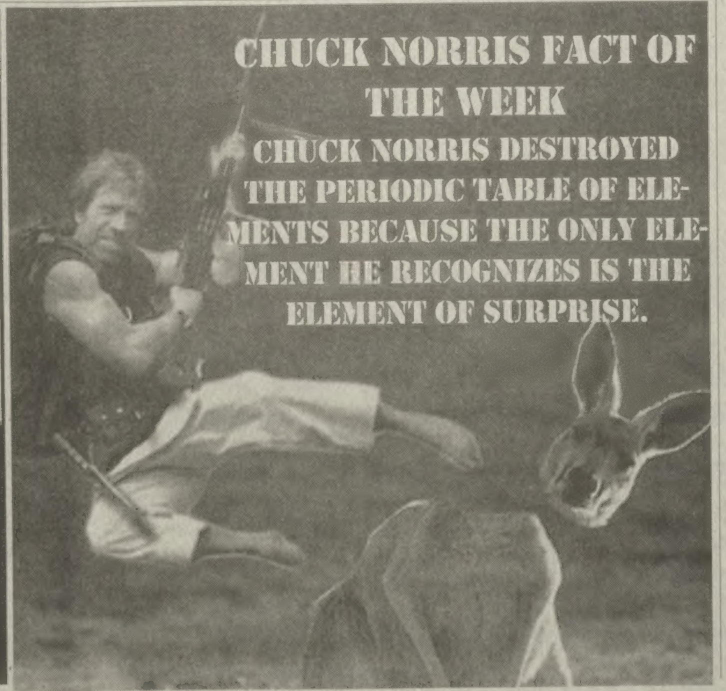
effectively wind down a demanding day and help you enjoy deep sleep.

Salisbury University consistently offers yoga classes. During the month of April, yoga classes will be offered every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Healthy U office on SU's east campus, 103 Power Street. The cost is 10 dollars for all five sessions. Bring a towel or a yoga mat. Classes are also offered as a PHEC 106. This is a great way to try yoga, receive college credits, and enjoy your strong, relaxed body.

Most college students are on a budget and yoga instruction does not have to be as expensive as sessions offered at elite gyms. It is a good idea to take basic yoga classes so a qualified instructor can guide you through the proper poses and breathing. However, yoga books and videos can be conveniently followed in a dorm or apartment. Yoga involves little or no equipment; just grab a mat or towel and head to the park once the exercises become familiar.

There are many different types of yoga including Hatha, Karma, Raja, Jnana and Bhakti yoga. This ancient form of exercise began in India about 5,000 years ago. According to Gavin Flood, Academic Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, it has been defined and referred to as "technologies or disciplines of asceticism and meditation which are thought to lead to spiritual experience and profound understanding or insight into the nature of existence."

Even though finals are around the corner, don't let the stress lead to unhealthy choices. Take the time out of your busy schedule to calm your mind and body through yoga.



Weekly Greek News

Greek Life seeks expansion

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

With only four sororities and six fraternities on campus, Greek Life at Salisbury University is small considering the size of the student population. However, SU is looking to expand the Greek Community by possibly bringing a new fraternity to campus.

Last week Michael Smoll, Leadership Consultant for Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, came to SU on an expansion visit to get a feel for our campus and to consider expanding Sigma Tau Gamma to our community. While here, Smoll met with several campus figures such as John Stout, Student Life Coordinator; Edwin Cowell, Dean of Students; Dr. Heather Holmes, Director of OSAO&L; and the Inter-Fraternity Executive Board. Smoll was making an effort to meet members of SU's community to see if Sigma Tau Gamma would be a good fit for our campus.

"I think that that they are a great organization and I really liked how as part of their recruiting process they ask for references from teachers and faculty," said Jennifer Hackett, President of SU's Panhellenic Council. "It will be great to have another fraternity thrown into the mix and I look forward to working with them in the future."

Smoll said that the organization chose SU because it is a good fit considering that it is about the same size of the other universities that the fraternity has chapters at, and also because SU Greek Life is looking for expansion. Smoll also said that the fraternity is a values-based organization with sixty-five chapters.

"Students sometimes want to join a new organization because they are interested in being a founding member. They see this as a great opportunity to set the standards versus joining an already set organization" Smoll said. "We also offer a variety of fraternal experiences to reach out to students who can't find what they're looking for in already existing fraternities on campus. However, we are not looking to compete with other organizations on campus; we are looking to expand the Greek image overall."

Smoll recently helped set up a chapter at University of North Carolina, Pembroke. Smoll said that the process of expanding to a new campus can take up to an entire semester as the fraternity spends time forming relationships with faculty and staff in their efforts to find campus leaders to join the organization. During this time the organization also sends out press releases, holds informational meetings and puts fliers on campus in an effort to gain interested members. Once the organization has about 15 interested members they begin discussing the organization's values and the recruitment process.

"Sigma Tau Gamma is a national college fraternity founded in 1920 by veterans of the First World War. Founded as a society of men who endeavor to promote the highest ideals of manhood, brotherhood and citizenship, its members dedicate themselves to a set of six principles: Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefit, Integrity," according to Sigma Tau Gamma's Web site.

If you are interested in joining Sigma Tau Gamma or if you would like to know more information, you can contact Michael Smoll at Michael@sigmataugamma.org.

However, since it has not yet been decided whether or not Sigma Tau Gamma is officially coming to our campus, there is the possibility that another fraternity may come in place of them in Greek Life's efforts to expand. Greek Life is looking to add more organizations and is open to whatever fraternities or sororities see SU as a good fit.

"It would be great to have another Greek organization join our campus," says Annie Conway, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "If Greek Life at Salisbury expanded, it would give the campus a chance to welcome new and diverse groups. It would also make more people available to participate in community service activities.

Club Spotlight

Wesley Foundation

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Members of the Wesley Foundation will host "Friday Night Live" on April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room.

By Kristin Hawkins
Staff Writer

College is a time of discovery, a time when most people find themselves and solidify their beliefs. Students go from being surrounded by people very much like them to an environment where everyone is seemingly different. Sometimes it is hard to keep to your principles when all around you students are doing things you do not believe are right.

If you are struggling with keeping your commitment to the Christian faith because you feel as though you are alone, then the Wesley Foundation just may be the group to give you the support you've been missing.

The Wesley Foundation is a group founded on supporting those that choose to live a Christian lifestyle throughout their chaotic college experience. The group strives to help its members build a stronger relationship with God.

Vice President Kenny Bowen reflected on the organization. "It's the fastest growing Christian organization on campus because we keep it so real; it's a relaxing environment and we accept everyone as they are," Bowen said.

The group has been around for many years, going through phases of inactivity, but no matter how many times it has become inactive it has always found a way to resurrect itself.

One of the organization's main activities is its weekly Bible study. They meet on Wednesday nights at 8:30 in Devilbiss Hall, room 123. The group has a registered 89 members, but there are an average 26 committed members that attend Bible study every week to discuss things affecting their lives, including prominent issues on campus.

Bowen stated that the Bible study is open to anyone. "It's a place where you can be yourself and discuss topics with a spiritual influence," Bowen said. They strive to attract all kinds of people, whether they are Christian or not.

The group does a variety of activities including retreats, dinners, outings and volunteer work. According to Bowen, "We do whatever the group wants to do."

This semester the group is participating in the Big Event and continuously volunteers at God's Kitchen, a local soup kitchen in the Salisbury Community. They have also made donations to Salisbury Urban Ministry, a group that helps the needy.

On April 18, at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of GUC, the Wesley Foundation will host Friday Night Live. "Basically if you have a talent, you can definitely get on stage," Bowen said.

They will also feature choirs, bands, dancers and poets from the Salisbury area and Prince George's County. The group hopes for a big turnout and invites everyone to attend, either to watch or share their talent.

People Making A Difference — Charlie Endicott

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Career Services Associate Director Russell "Charlie" Endicott

By Lindsay Sappington
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered who sends all those weekly job alerts to your email inbox?

"We're those people that are sending you all those alerts," said Russell Endicott, Associate Director of Career Services. "We feel it's important for us to make any job available. So when you guys are looking for jobs and internships everything we have is right out there online to be seen."

Originally from West Virginia, Endicott graduated from Fairmont State College with two degrees in industrial personnel psychology and teacher education. He then continued his education at West Virginia where he received his masters in community counseling. It was then that Endicott started his career as an admissions counselor and the director of career services at Fairmont State College.

One interesting fact about Endicott; for 17 years of his life he worked deep in the coal mines of West Virginia.

"In West Virginia my Dad was a coal minor, my Dad's Dad was a coal minor, my Dad's Dad's Dad was a coal minor too," Endicott said. "Even though my Dad wanted me to go to school, which I did to never go into the coal mines, that's where I ended up for awhile."

Endicott enjoyed his time as a coal minor, working 1700 feet underground because that was the big industry in West Virginia. Even though it quickly became monotonous, that was how to make good money.

Endicott moved with his family to Maryland 11 years ago when he received his job at SU.

"We love it here. We've always loved this area," Endicott said.

Some of his job duties at SU are working with students one on one, going to classes to speak, teaching a job search class at SU, supervising an intern every semester, supervising graduate students and working with the SU databases to make sure everything is updated and working.

"One reason why I really like my job is because it's so diverse. I'm working with students one on one and groups of students. I'm also working with technology," Endicott said.

Workshops and surveying are two more things on Endicott's long list of things-to-do. When students are lost about what sort of jobs are out there, he surveys employers to find out what they are looking for. He then gives that data to students to better prepare them for jobs. Not only does he survey employers but also exiting seniors about where they're working, what internships they were involved in and whether or not they are attending graduate school. Endicott also works with alumni to guide students towards their majors and successful careers.

Everything that is sent to career services is sent out to students including jobs and internships. It isn't just as simple as that, however. They also group these alerts into categories based on students' majors.

"We try to make enough email groups where if you're a psychology major I don't send you an email for someone in information technology," Endicott said. "So I've created 70 email groups through PeopleSoft that we utilize to send the job alerts out."

When asked what he considered to be the most rewarding part of his job, the answer was simple:

"The most rewarding part is easy. Working with the students and seeing them succeed. I love seeing a students come in here when they're a freshman and then seeing them when they're a senior and sitting out there in their suits and dresses and they're so professional. It's just amazing how students go from their freshmen year to their senior year. And the young adults here are so talented. I mean it's an incredible group and when you work with a gifted group of students it makes my job so much more enjoyable," Endicott said.

If you ever need help figuring out your next move, stop by career services and talk to Endicott or another staff member about your options.

"All we're here to do is to help guide or direct," Endicott said.

"I think when trying to find a good career the advice that is the most important is to just make sure you do something you really enjoy and you really love," said Endicott. "I think everything else will fall into place."

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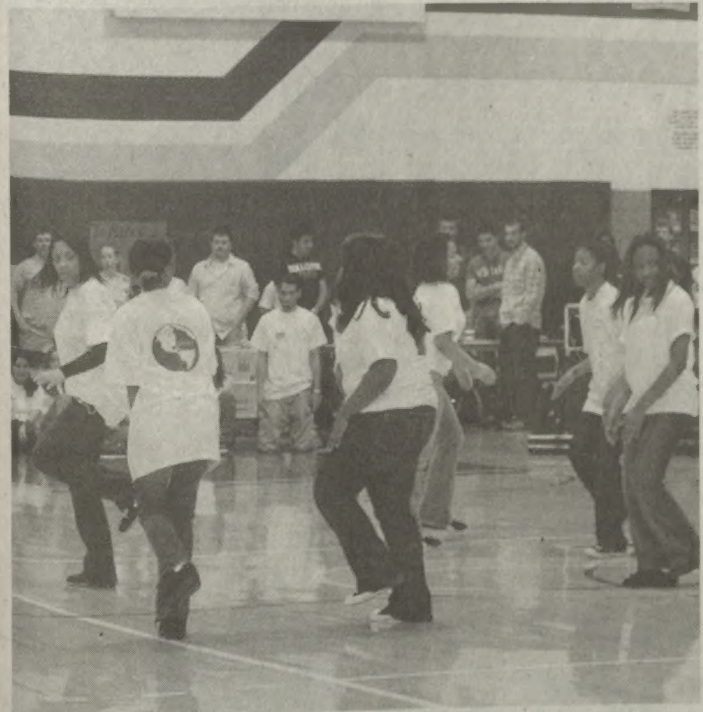

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The SU Step Squad delivers an impressive performance at SU's first-ever Admitted Students Day this past Saturday.

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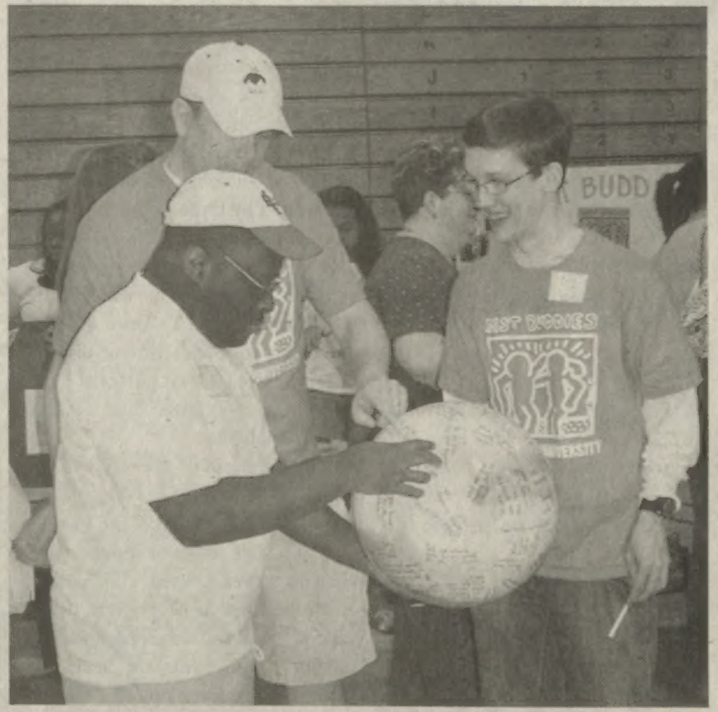
Dan Mekled, advisor for the Young Muslim Association at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn, MI speaks on Muslim heritage in the 21st century.



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The Best Buddies Club get to know each other at Admitted Students Day by tossing a fun facts ball back and forth.

In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, *The Flyer* would like to celebrate the life and achievements of

Helen Keller

Internet photo
Helen Keller

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

It's hard to celebrate April as National Disabilities Month without remembering the life of Helen Keller. In her 87 years, Keller became known as an author, lecturer, disabilities advocate, suffragist and socialist as well as, and probably most famously, becoming the first deaf and blind person to receive a college diploma.

Helen Adams Keller was born on June 27, 1880. A sudden illness at 19 months left Keller without the ability to see or hear. Keller first began to communicate with her family when a servant's young daughter created a code of more than 60 signs with her

In 1886 Keller's mother read an account of another child in a similar situation to Keller's and was inspired to contact the Perkins Institute for the Blind. The school sent 20-year-old former student Anne Sullivan to the Keller residence and thus began a 49-year relationship that changed Keller's life forever.

Sullivan's first task was to instill discipline in a spoiled child who was used to having everything handed to her. Sullivan kept Keller isolated from her family and began to teach. The story of Keller's first breakthrough has become quite well known. Sullivan ran her pupil's hand under a wet stream and finger spelled water into the girl's hand. Something clicked in Keller's head and she suddenly transformed into an eager student.

Keller was later inspired to learn speech with a combination of finger spelling and feeling others throats and lips as they formed words. She attended various blind and deaf institutes across the country before settling at Radcliffe College. At the age of 24, Keller graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts, becoming the first deaf blind person to do so.

In 1964 Keller was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon a civilian. Although Keller has since passed way, her legacy lives on as an inspiration to many. As Keller said, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it."

Islam: Culture vs. Religion

By Anisa Gharbi
Guest Writer

Islam is a religion coming from the root word *salama* or "peace" in arabic. A Muslim is someone who submits oneself to the religion of peace or Islam. As a Muslim, I often come across many who do not grasp the importance of recognizing that Islam and culture are two seperate things. For example, I am often asked, "Where are you from?" by those I meet for the first time. When I answer that I am from Maryland (born and raised here my whole life) the questioner will often raise his or her eyebrows in disbelief and persist in asking, "Where are you *really* from?" Having said this, while I am half Arab, Arabs only make up 25 percent of the Muslim world. In fact Indonesia has the largest population of Muslims and India has the second largest. Nonetheless, having been born and raised here, I consider myself to be part and parcel of the American culture and lifestyle. Although Islam may set Muslims apart from other Americans in the U.S. there is no denying that Muslim Americans are and have been a part of this culture for hundreds of years.

Another issue with regard to culture and faith, is distinguishing between what is a cultural norm versus a requirement of that religion. In Saudia Arabia for example, women are prohibited from driving. Although the goverment tries to use religion to justify this law, there is nothing in Islam that says a woman can not drive. It is simply a cultural norm of Saudia Arabia. Just as one would not confuse the cultures of Mexico and Italy, the majority of these populations follow Catholicism. With this said, it is vital to understand the importance of seeking what is and is not characteristic of a certain faith (as this could cause a great deal of unnecessary tension between individuals). I have found that many misconceptions about Islam and Muslims result from looking at a culture or the actions of extreme minorities, instead of looking at the religion and its adherents on a wholistic level.

Disability Awareness Month to be celebrated at Salisbury U

By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

April is Disability Awareness Month at Salisbury University. As part of the first Disability Awareness Month, the office of student disability support services is sponsoring nine events throughout April ranging from student discussions to movies.

Nikki Dyer, the coordinator of student disability support services, hopes that students, staff and faculty will attend the events. "Understanding disabilities is important for everyone in our campus community. Disabilities touch all of our lives," Dyer said.

Dyer wants the campus community to realize that disabilities touch all our lives either directly or indirectly. She hopes that through awareness and understanding that myths about people with disabilities can be dispelled.

Three percent of Salisbury University students have a documented disability. This can range from physical disabilities to learning disabilities. Different accommodations are given to students with documented disabilities. These accommodations can be as little as being given extra time to complete a test to being given equipment to make their lives easier. The purpose of disability awareness month is to educate people in the hopes of making them compassionate and allowing them to understand how disabilities affect others. Attending a Disability Awareness Month activity is a simple way to make you self aware of the challenges that others face.

"People with disabilities are whole people, not people who have deficiencies, inabilities, or a disease which defines them. They are part of the human race and as such they should be valued, embraced and understood," Dyer said.

Disability Awareness Month is designed to allow people to learn about specific disabilities as well as the historical and cultural aspects of disabilities. "They can learn about specific technologies designed to assist people with disabilities" said Dyer. Some of the events will be discussion based and will talk about topics such as the challenges that people with disabilities face. "How they can be a part of the shift in thinking from just giving people with disabilities access to giving them access to success!" Dyer said.

Some of the events that are planned for the month of April include a brown bag lunch discussion which will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from noon - 1 p.m. This lecture will be on the topic of understanding the impacts of psychological disabilities inside and outside of the classroom and will be hosted by the director of student counseling services, Dr. Kathleen Scott.

On Wednesday, April 9, from 6-9 p.m., there will be a dinner and movie event featuring *My Left Foot*, a story about Christy Brown, who was born with cerebral palsy and was misdiagnosed as having a mental disability for the first ten years of her life.

A second brown bag lunch discussion about temporary disabilities will take place on Friday, April 18, from Noon-1 p.m. Jennifer Berkman, the director of student health services, will be hosting this event.

The last brown bag lunch discussion of the series will be held on Tuesday, April 22 from 12-1 p.m. This will be an introduction to the office of student disability and will be hosted by Dyer.

Can you walk (or roll) a mile in their shoes? is the topic of the panel discussion which will be taking place on Tuesday, April 29, from 6-9 p.m. Students with and without disabilities will discuss their personal experiences and express their feelings about disabilities.

The last event of the series will be the movie *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, on Tuesday, April 30, from 6-9 p.m. This movie is about a family who strives to exist while dealing with the impacts of poverty, death, and physical and developmental disabilities. All events are free! For more information please contact Nikki Dyer at nadyer@salisbury.edu.

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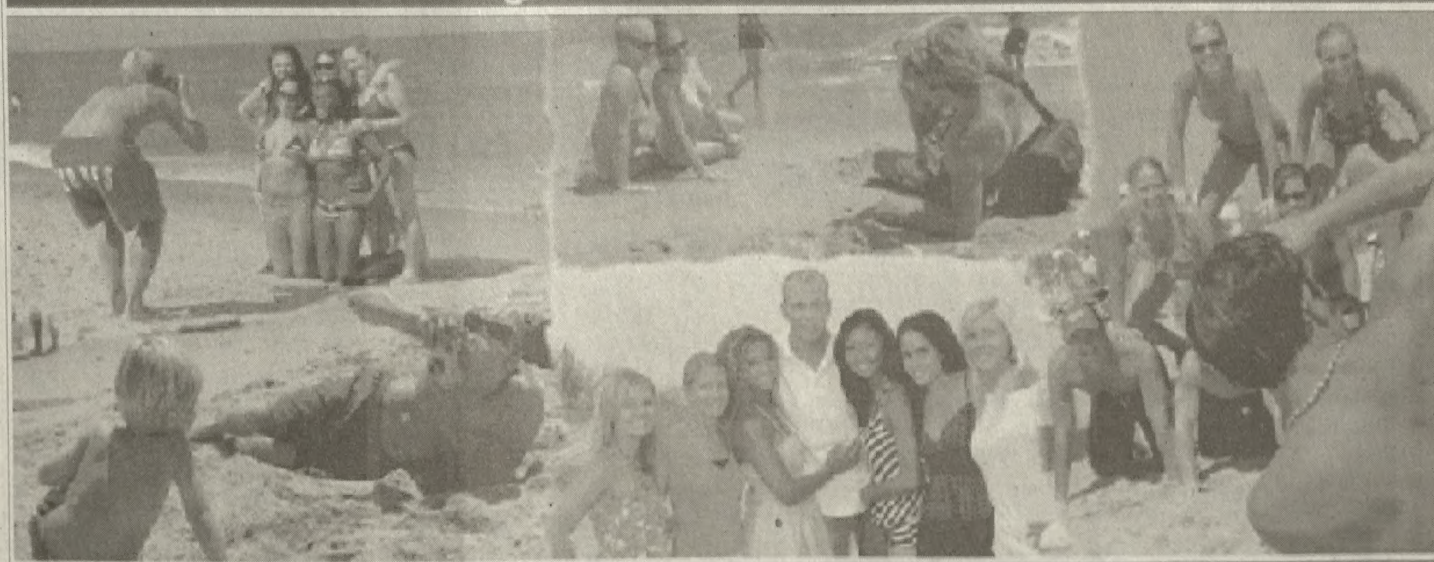

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Students win golf tourney

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

SU students defeated Delaware Technical Institute and Anne Arundel Community College in a golf match on March 12 at Heritage Shores Golf Club in Bridgeville, Delaware. Despite not having an official recognized golf team the Salisbury representatives did their part to continue the strong spring season that the other university sports teams have displayed.

With a six man squad, Salisbury defeated Delaware Tech and AACC. Salisbury finished with a score of 352, Del. Tech tallied a score of 358, and AACC compiled score of 366. The scores were a sum of the top four rounds from each team's participants. Salisbury was led by golf club president and senior Cory Gould. Other members of the team included seniors Ryan Ripa, John Sanicola, Tommy Giampaolo, junior Scott Anacker and sophomore Jeff King. Despite being an unaffiliated student organization, the golfers defeated both of their opponents. Delaware Tech has a recognized golf team with a coach, home course and regular practice times and was stunned by the team Salisbury put together.

With temperatures in the forties, course conditions were very difficult; however, all the participants played the same course. Gould shot a team-low 85 but vows it was only due to the conditions. "I was proud of all the guys. Nobody gave up. It was cold and windy. The other teams each had one or two guys shoot in the hundreds. But we all hung in there our and kept our composure. It would have been easy to get frustrated and give up," Gould said. Second on the team was Sanicola with a score of 86. "We really do have some talented golfers here at SU, and though we definitely are a recreational club, it is always nice to win," said Salisbury University Golf Club advisor Harry Womack. The rounds took an unusually long time, lasting up to 5 and a half hours due to the extreme wind gusts and cold temperatures.

Delaware Tech has two golfers that placed in the top five in the region. "To have two guys like that, it's pretty impressive. Since the conditions were out of control I was really proud the team," Gould said.

This was the first golf event that Salisbury has been represented at in a few years and they showed their ability to compete at a high level. "The wind was blowing so hard it was tough. The score definitely showed it," Ripa said. "We could put together a respectable team; they [Delaware Tech] play on their courses probably once a week."

All the members of the team are also affiliated with the Salisbury golf club. The club has 150 members who pay a small membership fee and play golf throughout the academic year at discount rates at local courses. The most prominent course for students is Nutters Crossing, located on South Hampton Bridge Road, just off East College Avenue in Salisbury.

The Eastern Shore is one of the best areas in the Mid-Atlantic region for golfers. Ocean City, Fenwick Island, and Bethany Beach all offer beautiful courses at reasonable rates. To no surprise Salisbury has some of the best amateur golfers in the area. "If we had a team, there is no doubt we would be very competitive, we've got some good golfers," Gould said.

As the spring season comes to an exciting end with men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, baseball, track and field, softball and rugby all vying for national championships, don't forget about the Sea Gull golfers who also have been doing their part to represent the school as a first class university. With more exposure and practice, Salisbury should be able to be a respectable foe for any collegiate team that wants to tee it up.

Student Athlete Spotlight
Sue Ackermann

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

Susan Ackermann, the 5'7" Salisbury University senior, grew up in Sykesville and attended Liberty High School. Ackermann plays attack for the Salisbury women's lacrosse team and has been the Capital Athletic Conference athlete of the week for the second time in as many weeks as she led the Sea Gulls over No. 8 Bowdoin. During the past week she scored 11 goals and recorded 11 assists in three games. For the 2008 season, she leads the team in goals (48) and assists (37). Currently, she ranks second all-time in school history for points and assists and is third in goals.

Ackermann's friends started to play lacrosse in the youth program and she wanted to join in. She has played lacrosse since the sixth grade after attending a lacrosse clinic. She said she was hooked the minute she picked up the stick. Ackermann played midfield from the day she started until sophomore year of college when they moved her to attack. She also played soccer and basketball, but lacrosse has been her favorite. She was captain of her lacrosse team in high school during her junior and senior year as well as captain of the women's lacrosse team here at Salisbury her junior and senior year.

Telecia Taylor photo
Senior lacrosse player Sue Ackermann smiles for the camera.

Ackermann has two sisters, Chris and Linda. She is graduating this May with an exercise science major and a minor in marketing and business administration. When asked what she wanted to do after college, Ackermann said "I want to stay for one year longer at Salisbury to get my Master's and help coach lacrosse."

Why did you choose to attend Salisbury?
My sister was a senior when I was a freshman and we were be able to play lacrosse together for a year.

What's your favorite color?
Turquoise.

What's your favorite meal?
Crabs.

Do you have a favorite college memory?
All of our big wins in lacrosse, especially beating F&M on Saturday.

What kind of music do you like?
Pretty much anything.

How has being named CAC player of the week multiple times affected you? Did you ever think you would become so good at lacrosse?
It's just nice for anyone on our team to be recognized for our success. Last year nobody was named Player of the Week even though we won our conference. I really love playing and practiced a lot through the years, but who knew where that would take me.

Favorite Lax team other then SU?
I don't really have one, but if you want to ask what my favorite team is other than SU, I'd answer Georgetown basketball.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I like to hang out with friends and teammates.

What did you want to do when you were little?
Marine biologist, I really just wanted to swim with the dolphins.

What's your favorite animal?
Dogs, especially my sister's Louie.

Intramurals to host Slam Dunk Contest

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

On Monday, March 31, the 2008 intramural basketball season came to a close at Maggs Gymnasium. The winning teams relied on clutch perimeter shooting and relentless defense to earn the title of Intramural Champions. The Bar With No Name defeated Team Movement to capture the highly skilled title while Team 21 won the skilled championship and PMP was victorious in the women's finale. "We had a good turnout for it last year, and last night we had a great turnout for the women's final and an even better one for the highly skilled championship," said Brian Powell, graduate assistant for intramurals.

However, the round-ball festivities are not quite finished. A student slam dunk contest and three-point shootout is set to be held in two weeks, according to Powell. "We love to get the students involved. Intramurals and events like this are a great way for them to interact and meet new people," Powell said.

The ACIS-sponsored event was initially scheduled to be held as a part of the championship celebration in between games, but the necessary promotional materials did not arrive in time. Campus recreation has been in constant contact with ACIS over the course of the basketball season and ACIS has been staging a give-away contest that is open to all students. Prizes include a Bahamas cruise for two and an XBOX 360 with an accompanying television set. The ACIS also provides championship shirts for the winning teams and for staff, and they contribute $250 to each league, according to Wayne Gorrow, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation. Gorrow was away attending a conference in Texas which left no other way for the banners and signs to be retrieved in time for Monday's event.

Last year's event featured the dunk contest and a performance by the Salisbury step team. Powell could not confirm as to whether the SU step squad would be performing again this year.

The three-point shooting contest will be a new addition to this year's event. There will be five stations set up along the three-point arc, and participants will have one minute to hoist all of the balls from each spot as they move from spot to spot on the court. There will also be a bonus ball that will be worth additional points in each rack.

The slam dunk contest is a live event that will be videotaped with the winning video being sent to ACIS, where fans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite dunk online. Schools from all across the country submit footage of their contest winner, and ACIS whittles the submissions down to a final four. "It's amazing to see the fancy athletic stuff that some of these guys do with the 360 dunks and the windmill tomahawk jams," Powell said. Last year, Sean Evans, the Salisbury champion, had his video selected as one of the national finalists after his memorable performance. "He threw it off the wall, and caught it as it came back over the backboard and then he threw it down," Powell said.

There will be judges on hand to score the dunk contest. "There will be no less than three judges, but there won't be more than five," Powell said. Athletic Equipment Specialist Tim Smith will be one of the judges, as will at least one of the supervising referees from the basketball season. Powell said there is a possibility that a fan will be chosen at random and asked to judge the competition. Faculty and staff have been contacted as well.

Potential participants will have one minute to complete their best dunk, but the decision ultimately will be left to the judges. "The judges have the final say, but clearly the fans influence the judges' decision," Powell said. Number placards will be distributed throughout the crowd so the fans can make their selection known. According to Powell, some enthusiastic fans crafted their own signs for last year. "We had about 200 fans in attendance last year, and we are hoping for another good turnout. The more the merrier," Powell said.

Winners will receive a free t-shirt for their participation. Any Salisbury student with a valid school ID is eligible to compete. Entry forms will be available on the green Intramural bulletin board located in Maggs. Completed fliers can be dropped off at either room 146 or 146A in the gymnasium. The event is being tentatively scheduled for April 21 at 8 p.m.

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Men's Lacrosse

No. 1 SU lacrosse collected two CAC victories on the road this past week. The Gulls defeated the University of Mary Washington on Wednesday 10-5 and No. 12 Villa Julie College on Saturday 13-12.

Against Mary Washington, SU was led by sophomore Jake DeLillo and senior Greg Titus who both scored three goals apiece. Titus gave the Gulls their first lead of the game, 6-5, with 2:22 left in the third quarter. The Gulls ended the game on a 6-0 run to give them their twelfth victory of the year. Junior goalie Zach Krissoff capitalized on the opportunity by making eight saves, seven in the second half. Preseason All-American Kylor Berkman added two goals and two assists in the Gulls' victory.

On Saturday the Gulls edged out a close victory against No. 12 VJC. DeLillo tied the game at 12 with 6:11 remaining. Sophomore Mike Von Kamecke scored with 5:50 with what would turn out to be the game-winning goal. SU jumped out to an early 6-0 lead before getting outscored by VJC 6-0 in the second quarter. Titus led the Gulls scoring, attacking with a team-high three goals. SU closes out its CAC regular season on Friday, April 11, when they host St. Mary's College at 7 p.m.

Softball

The SU softball team took two from conference foe Gallaudet on Wednesday, sweeping the double-header and winning by a combined score of 35-0. SU took game one 17-0 and game two 18-0.

Junior pitcher Stacey Davis improved her record to 12-3 as she earned the win in game one. Senior Kortni Pedlow picked up her sixth win by leading the Gulls to victory in game two. Junior Stacey Malarkey led the offensive attack for the Gulls, going 5-for-6 on the day including a two-run home run, five RBIs and three runs scored. Sophomore Jen Cahall contributed by going 4-for-5 and scoring two runs over the team's two games.

Track and Field

The SU track and field team competed in the Duke Invitational on April 4 and 5. The field was comprised of many teams from across the country but was mostly dominated by Division I squads.

The men's 4x100 meter relay team of seniors Sam Singleton and Kevin Teal and sophomores Justin Acker and Delannie Spriggs finished with a team of 41.19 seconds, setting a new school record. The relay team finished second behind Division I East Carolina.

Senior Eric Graves finished the 5,000-meter run by posting his best time of the season with a time of 15:08.84.

Senior Casey McInerny finished the 1,500-meter run by posting her season best with a time of 4:54.94 for the women's team. Freshman Charlese Phillips finished with her season best time of 27.01 seconds in the 200-meter dash. Junior Kelly Sullivan finished ninth overall in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:15.97.

The Salisbury University track and field team will travel to West Chester, PA. to compete in the West Chester Invitational on Saturday, April 12.

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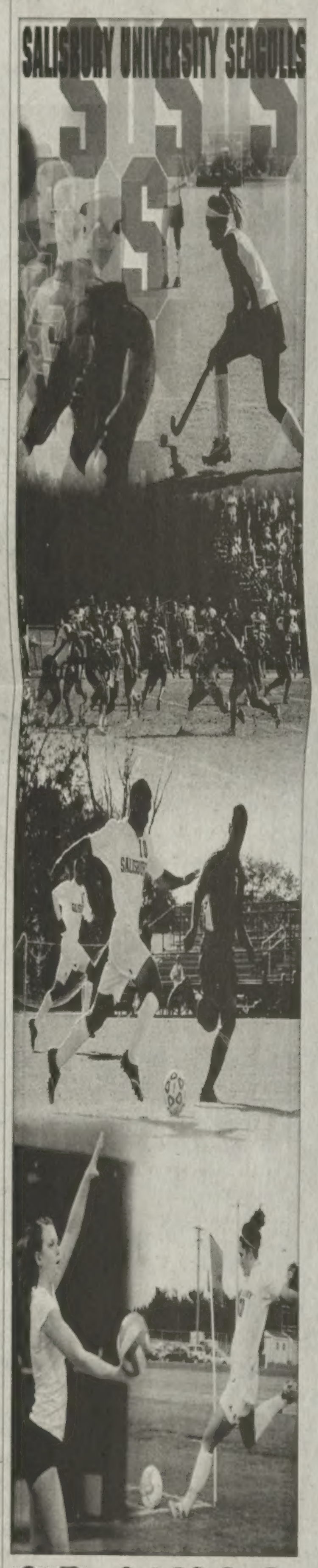

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Men's and Women's LAX have stronghold on No. 1 spot

Sarah Lake photo

SU's men's and women's lacrosse teams celebrate their number one spots at Friday's practices. They went on to win their weekend games.

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

Salisbury lacrosse has become known for being No. 1. Seven national championships, 13 CAC titles, 94 consecutive conference victories, 74-game regular season winning streak, 66 straight wins at home – all NCAA records, and that's just the men's team. The women's lacrosse team has seven CAC championships under their belt to go with eight NCAA tournament appearances, a 2007 national finals appearance, and a current 14-game win streak, the best in NCAA Division III. Salisbury lacrosse has been a powerhouse in recent years, thanks to great recruiting, great coaching and lots of hard work, so that's not news.

Sarah Lake photo

No. 1 women's lacrosse players practice before defeating St. Mary's College last Saturday 18-11.

When asked about this year's roster head Coach Jim Berkman replied, "We are absolutely not the team we were last year." The SU men have graduated their entire defense, their goalie and eight All-Americans from last year's team. That's a lot of talent, so how has Salisbury recovered? According to Coach Berkman there hasn't been much adjustment to their overall scheme. This less-pressure defense has really stepped up, he says, but it's been the offense that has been inconsistent. It's not the goal scoring; SU is beating opponents by an average of 11 goals this season compared to 13.3 goals last season, it's the close games that have been a surprise. In the Sea Gulls' last four National Championship seasons, they have had only one game come within three goals during the regular season. 12 games into this season, they have had four. "We're beating teams by one instead of 15, but we're still beating them," Coach Berkman said.

The SU women are experiencing their first stint at No. 1 since April 2006. Coach Jim Nestor and his players have made it to the NCAA tournament each of the last five seasons, boasting a 99-10 record, and twice reaching the National Championship game, only to lose both times.

The women have come into their own this season, avenging their championship loss to F&M last weekend with a come-from-behind victory. Like the men, the women's team has lost a lot of talent over the last couple of seasons, leaving them with some inexperienced talent. Though they have underclassmen on the roster, however, they are playing like a veteran squad, running off 14 straight victories to start the season. The SU women have been knocking on the door for several seasons now and they have finally reached the top.

So what is so special about that No. 1 ranking? The playoff schedules are built to give the top teams the easiest road to the championship. The No. 1 team plays the CAC playoff games at home and hosts the NCAA opening rounds. As both the men and the women have done quite a bit of traveling here at the end of the regular season, they could use a few games in their home stadium. This season, the two teams have combined for 26 wins, zero loses and two No. 1 rankings.

SU baseball team continues to roll

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University number six ranked baseball team (26-1, 12-0 CAC) has added two more to its winning steak by defeating both St. Mary's (13-15, 6-7 CAC) and LaGrange (17-12) Colleges last week at Sea Gull Stadium.

The Gulls took down St. Mary's last Wednesday 7-0 with a one-hit pitching performance by freshman left-handed pitcher Dustin Herbert. Herbert (7-0) put down six batters and allowed one walk in nine innings to lower his ERA to 0.96. He leads the team in strikeouts with 48 and innings pitched with 46.2. Herbert is scoreless for his last 24 innings.

SU scored early with a sacrifice fly by senior Justin Armiger to bring in junior Jordan Crystal off third base. They added another six over the next three innings.

The streak was almost lost last Friday against LaGrange, as they were trailing in the fifth inning until senior Tyler Riley knocked out a two-run homer to give SU back the lead. Sophomore first baseman Mike Celenza drew a bases-loaded walk to give SU the two run advantage it needed to win.

The Panthers started the game off in the first with a Seth Tucker solo home run, but SU answered back with four of their own started by freshman Andrew Miller's (1-2, two RBIs) two-run homer over center field. LaGrange added three as sophomore Trey Walker and senior Michael Sims had RBI singles followed by a sacrifice fly from senior Jose Navarro to even the score at 4-4. SU took advantage with lead-off doubles in both the second and third innings by freshman Will Evans (1-4, two runs) and senior Mark Bostwick (2-4, one RBI).

"They kept in there and they kept fighting and did a great job in the end," Coach Doug Fleetwood said. "We didn't play great defense especially towards the end, but they have a tough offense, some tough guys and we got them. We just have to work on finishing strong."

Pitching and defense played a pivotal role in the game, as LaGrange averages 11.1 runs per game. Junior Jeff Feigl started off on the mound for Salisbury, but was relieved by J.D. Polcari who gave up three runs and struck out one in the middle innings. Freshman Kyle Judson (2-0) held the Panthers to only one run in the last four innings. Judson struck out eight, including All-American Sims twice. Sims is batting .465 this season.

SU closed the door in ninth with a double play after two errors. "We expect to make plays in the infield," Fleetwood said. "We want to play at a high level and need to play like that."

The team returns to the field this Wednesday, April 9, to face conference rival Mary Washington.

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Salisbury University baseball continues their hot offense and winning streak against LaGrange and St. Mary's last week.

Women's lacrosse pounds both Ursinus and St. Mary's

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's lacrosse team triumphed over the Bruins of Ursinus College last week 20-8. Salisbury, which is now ranked number one in the country for the first time since April 2006, completely overpowered Ursinus College both offensively and defensively during the entire game.

The opening half saw Salisbury torch the Bruins for 14 goals. Courtney Sorenson started the assault off an assist from Sue Ackermann. Kim Cudmore shined over the next five minutes as she scored three times, two unassisted goals and one off another Ackermann pass. The next 10 minutes showed the Gulls' depth as they scored six more goals by five different players off assists by four different players. Beth Rhodey closed out the first half for the Gulls by scoring three goals, giving her a hat trick in the first half.

Salisbury slowed down the game and the scoring in the second half, only beating the Bruins keeper six more times. The Sea Gulls' defense over the duration of the game was nearly impenetrable, only surrendering eight goals and never feeling any pressure as they quickly turned away almost all opposing players with fierce defensive play led by senior Kelly Phillips and sophomores Maddie Goetz and Jess Glazer. Goalies Sonja Stuart and Natalie Pappas combined for a total of seven saves in the game. Salisbury also out-shot Ursinus 38-18 and led in ground balls 19-11.

12 different Salisbury players scored goals in the blowout. Sorenson, Logan Bilderback, Jessica Liston and Meaghan Osipowich all scored twice. Ackerman scored once, but added four assists. Alexis Morrell, Meghan Ricketts, Jessica Chmielewski and Ashleigh Gender all contributed with one goal and one assist. Lindy Walsh ended the scoring regime with the last goal.

The Gulls are now 15-0 overall and 6-0 in the CAC after defeating conference rival St. Mary's College 18-11 last Saturday on the road. The heated game was highlighted by 18 SU goals. Chmielewski finished with a career-high six goals and added four assists. Ackermann added one goal and a game- high seven assists. Chmielewski, who was honored as the CAC Women's Lacrosse Co-Athlete of the Week, did most of her work in the second half where she scored four times. She now has 40 goals on the season. Ackermann's eight-point performance gave her 100 points on the season. She has tallied 52 goals and 48 assists.

The top-ranked SU squad is on the road next week where they will travel to play TCNJ next Saturday in the second-to-last regular season game of the year.

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Women's lax players' tight defense helps fuel Sea Gull victory over Ursinus last week 20-8.

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Salisbury Sports Calendar

Tuesday-4/8	Wednesday-4/9	Thursday-4/10	Friday-4/11	Saturday-4/12	Sunday-4/13	Monday-4/14
	3 p.m. Baseball @ Mary Washington	Copy Editor Jerremy Latimer turns 22!	7 p.m. Men's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's	9 a.m. Track & Field @ West Chester Invitational Noon Baseball vs. Mary Washington 1:00PM Softball vs. York 5 p.m. Women's Lacrosse @ The College of New Jersey	11 a.m. Men's Tennis @ Johns Hopkins 1 p.m. Softball @ Hood 1 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Muhlenberg 4 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Goucher	Men's Lacrosse CAC Tournament 1st Round Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 3:30 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Washington & Lee